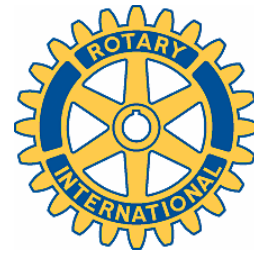




# District 6420 NEWS!

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

## May 2008



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

### “ASK Someone to Breakfast or Lunch (A Rotary meal that is)”



Monthly Attendance Report: [www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org)  
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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)

### Just where do we stand on Polio Eradication?

As of last Tuesday, 29 April, new worldwide cases of polio had reached 354. The total cases for 2007 were 1310. Of this years cases to date, the numbers in endemic countries were India = 203, Nigeria = 126, Afghanistan = 5 and Pakistan = 4. Sixteen other cases have been reported in non-endemic countries.

### 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**

- May 22 WCS Golf Outing at Deer Valley Country Club
- 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 a time the conference was. Dozens of district committee chairs put forth their best in presentations and speakers for the district to both enjoy and experience. The comments heard throughout the weekend mostly concerned these presentations. Korah did get out of her shell for a little bit and loosen up in front of the crowd. What a personality. With students from both the Rockford and NIU Rotaract Clubs detailing their most recent events and providing some insight to the upcoming projects, we all learned that this next generation not only has something to share but is also willing to do so.

A very special thanks to our President's Representative Bill and June Hodges for bringing such an uplifting and inspiring message to us. Their hosts, PDG Don & Nancy Clayberg commented that they could not have hand picked a better couple to represent Rotary International.

Later in this newsletter you will see listed some of the many recognitions that were handed out to our club and club members for the efforts and contributions to their communities, our District and Rotarians and non-Rotarians around the world.

A big thanks to all for making this conference a memorable one for me, and that includes all of the members of my own club, the Rotary Club of Ottawa Sunrise. I think I will be owing them for years to come for their time and efforts. It was fun as well as tiring but in the end we are all hoping the Rotary and the millions around the world will have an opportunity to gain from the experiences and programs that were presented. That is why we all have the motto of Service Above Self.

*DG Eldon*



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](http://WWW.POLIOERADICATION.ORG)

### 48 Years and still has not missed a meeting!!!

“Doc” Patterson knows the importance of attendance like Tiger Woods knows golf. Six days after Doc’s knee replacement surgery, this Governor greeted him at a weekly Harvard Rotary Club meeting.



President Doug Mather presenting Doc Patterson with his pin for 48 years of perfect attendance.

**Rock Island Rotary Club charters  
Rock Island High School Interact Club**



L-R: Rock Island Club Sponsor Ruth Lee, Interact Faculty Advisor Courtney Stone, Colin Carstens, Topher Leiby, Rachel Segal, Ethan Gorden, Rock Island – Milan High School Principal Nate Anderson.

The Quad City area became stronger in public service with the chartering of the Rock Island-Milan High School Interact Club. As District Interact Committee member Ruth Lee commented at the chartering, we have been talking and talking for some time about doing this and the time came to get it done. The club has already held their first community service event.



**WELCOME \* WELCOME**

L-R: Tim Zollinger, Clare Boswell, Jennifer Selchow, Carol Hobbs, Carter Newton, Kevin Agnew, Pamela Schingoethe, Rebecca Hooks and Dan Welch. Carol, Clare, Kevin and Dan will be finishing up their tour on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and board the plane back to England on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our District Conference was pleased to welcome both our visiting Group Study Exchange Team from District 1100 in England/Wales and our returning team which spent February/March in England/Wales. Both teams provided a visual tour of England/Wales to the enjoyment of all at the conference.

**Get ready to welcome  
The Rotary Club of Rock River Valley**

At last weeks conference our District Club Extension Chair, PDG Mel Sparlin reported that July will bring the chartering of the Rock River Valley Rotary Club in the Byron area. For their first year, they will be under the leadership of Stacy Shewey, who was also at the conference and reported on the growth of their charter membership.

[Please watch for information on Chartering Night which should take place in the first few days of July.](#)

**Support our District  
World Community Service Projects**

**Golf Dining Raffles**  
**Silent Auction COMEDY**  
**Fellowship**



**We are talking about the District 6420 Third  
Annual Golf Outing. The date is  
May 22, 2008**

**We have something for everyone. Look at your  
choices:**

**18 Holes of Fun: 11:30 Warm-up  
12:00 Lunch  
12:30 Pop Gun Start**

**9 Holes of Fun: 3:00 Warm-up  
3:30 Pop Gun Start**

**Don't golf but you do Eat and Laugh?**

Join Ken Sevara for

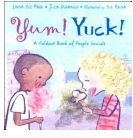
**Dinner & Entertainment: 6:00 pm**

Complete details and registration information are attached. Questions??? Contact PDG Bob Newlon at [newlon@essex1.com](mailto:newlon@essex1.com) or call 815-535-3686

**How about  
Ambassadorial Scholar Candidates  
for 2009-2010 ? ?**

During November and December, each of our clubs were asked to seek applicants for the July 2008 Ambassadorial Scholar interviews. Now that the college spring break season is here, it is time to have those candidates start filling out the applications. The District Scholarship Chair is George Bass at [george.bass@countryfinancial.com](mailto:george.bass@countryfinancial.com) The application is available at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and search for 139-EN.

## District Literacy Awards



Thanks to our Literacy Speaker Julia Durango, we can now sneeze in six different languages. Her Saturday morning presentation had all of us wondering why she titled one of her books Yum! Yuck! And now we all know. So many of you commented on her presentation and her ability to get all of us to laugh so early in the morning.

Prior to Julia's presentation, District Literacy Chair Martha Rittmueller presented the following awards for club literacy projects:

### Club Achievement Award for Literacy

Class 1A	Ottawa Sunrise Rotary Club
Class 2A	River Cities Rotary Club
Class 3A	Moline Rotary Club

### Individual Achievement Award for Literacy

John Davis, Geneseo Rotary Club

### Majiyagbe Award for Innovative Literacy Project

Quad Cities Rotary Club

### Sustained Excellence in Literacy

Loves Park Rotary Club  
 Mendota Rotary Club  
 Moline Rotary Club  
 Northern Winnebago Rotary Club  
 Ottawa Sunrise Rotary Club  
 Quad Cities Rotary Club  
 Rock Falls Rotary Club  
 Rock Island Rotary Club  
 Wenona Rotary Club

## District Public Relations Awards



FOR  
GETTING  
THE  
WORD  
OUT



District Public Relations Chair Brian Adams proudly announced the Public Relations Grant that Rotary International has made available to two areas of our district. This grant will allow \$6,000 in billboard exposure to the Quad City and Rockford areas during the next 8-12 months. Local clubs in these areas provided the funds needed to match a portion of the funding.

This announcement was followed up by Brian's presentation of the following awards to our clubs for their efforts in maintaining the public image of Rotary throughout our district.

## District Newsletter Contest

Class 1A	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Mendota Rotary Club
Class 2A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Quad Cities Rotary Club
Class 2A	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Loves Park Rotary Club
Class 2A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Illinois Valley Rotary Club
Class 3A	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Rock Island Rotary Club
Class 3A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Rochelle Rotary Club

## District Website Contest

Class 1A	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Belvidere Bright Horizons Rotary
Class 1A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Marseilles Rotary Club
Class 2A	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Loves Park Rotary Club
Class 2A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Granville Rotary Club
Class 3A	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Moline Rotary Club
Class 3A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	East Moline/Silvis Rotary Club

## Governor's Public Relations Award

Class 1A	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Rock Falls Rotary Club
Class 1A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Mendota Rotary Club
Class 2A	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Loves Park Rotary Club
Class 2A	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	River Cities Rotary Club
Class 3A	no entry	

.... and speaking of public relations....



### Dateline Springfield:

Just when we thought that the entire world stopped turning during a Rotary District Conference, we were informed that other organizations were carrying on with their business.

Our District Public Relations Committee Chair, was busy with the public relations awards are mentioned above. While this was being done, the Associated Press was busy down in Springfield naming some of their own awards.

Last August, a monster truck accident happened in DeKalb, and incident where a truck ran into the crowd, and ran over nine people (fortunately, none were killed). The Illinois Associated Press not only remembered the coverage of that accident, but awarded their annual Best Single Story Contribution to our own Brian Adams. "This is one of the most prestigious awards available at this level of the news business...and I never thought I'd get one in this lifetime. It was among the awards handed out this past weekend, at the Illinois News Broadcasters Association convention in Springfield – which, ironically, I decided to skip! I didn't find out until the AP called me this morning." (April 28)

**"I'm thrilled, Rachel's thrilled, my boss is thrilled, did I mention that I'm thrilled?"**

**CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN !!**

## District Awards



Five overall district awards were presented at the District Conference. Three of them acknowledge the efforts they have made to their individual Rotary Clubs and those projects conducted by their clubs. All of their individual efforts were detailed at the conference as each was asked to be up front when the list of their accomplishments was presented.

### Club Officer of the Year

**Kelley Doty, River Cities Rotary Club**

### Rotarian of the Year

**Art Johnson, Rock Falls Rotary Club**

### New Rotarian of the Year

**Andrew Guzzo, Rock Island Rotary Club**

Our Rotary District also honors one non-Rotarian for their efforts to their community in the Rotary spirit of Service Above Self.

### Service Above Self Award

**Charles Lee**

(Nominated by the Rock Falls Rotary Club)

The District New Generations Award is presented to the club who was chosen to have the broadest and active program involving our youth and those of the next generation. Those participation programs include youth exchange, RYLA, Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange, local school youth programs and support of local youth activities.

### New Generations Award was presented to:

**The Rotary Club of Rock Island**

#### PAUL HARRIS SUSTAINING MEMBERS

**Quad Cities:** Cecilia O'Brien

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

**DeKalb** Sharon Tourville



## 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

**Always include your club name and club number**

Questions concerning your Rotary International Dues or outstanding balance, contact:

Irene Samoylovich  
[Irene.samoylovich@rotary.org](mailto: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.



## IT'S A GIRL

and her name is **Kathy**  
and the daughter of our  
**Inbound**  
**Ambassadorial Scholar**  
**Alex & Bette Ngamije**

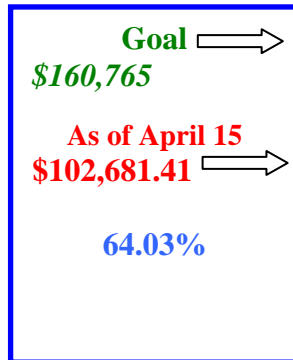
*Please join us in celebration on May 18<sup>th</sup> from  
1-3 pm at Rockford College in the Faculty  
Dining Room (upstairs/Burpee Center)*

*This International Baby Shower and Open House  
is to celebrate the birth of Kate, our  
Districts' first Ambassadorial Baby Girl was  
born to Alex and Bette on April 5th.*

*Presents are not necessary and probably can't fit in their  
suitcases anyway. A small monetary gift would be  
appreciated, but not necessary either.*

*This event is presented by the Rotary Clubs of Rockford and  
Loves Park.*

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



Now we need the  
other 36% !!  
Don't delay.  
**Send today !**



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

To the families of:

<b>Ottawa:</b>	Ernest H. Pool
<b>Rock Island:</b>	Al Kukla
<b>Rock Island:</b>	Jerome S. Zeffren




Photo by: Ashley Krepps, Youth Exchange 2006-2007

### Changes to the Directory

**Address Change:**

Pg: 62 Steve Kuhn 1119 Daniel Court



### We Welcome our Newest Rotarians in District 6420

Belvidere:	Bob Dwyer
	Mary Kasper
IV Sunrise:	Rebecca Mueller
	Jason Vance
	Michael Wollock
Lacon:	James J. Lenihan
Moline:	Gretta Knight
Rockford:	Peggy Bradford
	Alan Brown
	Linda Hernandez
	Thomas Hoffman
	Enid Michalowski
	Reid Montgomery
	J. William Smith

### District Recognitions by the Governor

The Rotary Foundation District Service Award is presented for outstanding service in promoting The Rotary Foundation and its goal of world understanding and peace.

At this District Conference, Dennis Bokemeier, GSE District Chair for the past four years was presented this award for his efforts in the GSE program which goes back to Dennis being a team leader to Japan in 1992-1993. Denny is leaving our district this year and relocating to Eastern Tennessee. He will be missed.

George Bass was awarded this District Service Award for his ongoing efforts in our outbound Ambassadorial Scholarship Program, the inbound Ambassadorial Scholarship Program and the Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution Programs.

### District Governor Citations

For their unselfish efforts to our Rotary programs, the following Rotarians were recognized for their listed efforts:

- Martha Rittmueller:** Outgoing District Literacy Chair for the past 4 years.
- PDG George Partlo:** Serving as the District Photographer for at least the past 8 Governors.
- Brian Adams:** Outgoing District Public Relations Chair for the past 5 years.
- Rich Steljes:** Soon to move to Springfield after serving the last 7 years as an Assistant Governor
- Kris Tumilowicz:** District Conference Song Leader for so many years
- Tom Brooks:** District Conference Song Leader for so many years.



Today's RYLA camp brought out 96 young people from our district, 62 girls and 34 guys. For the most part the rain stayed away. On Friday evening the programs included RYLA Deal or No Deal, An Evening with Teddy Roosevelt, Desert Survival and of course Gutter Sundaes. After some very interesting Saturday morning sessions by Bill Johnson on "Making Good Decisions" and Andrea Gibbs informing the teens about "Your biggest Asset" which is their reputation, it was on to the obstacle course. I have included a full sheet of photos from Saturdays events.

## The Sights of District Conference 2007-2008



DG Eldon & Nancy welcomed our RI President's Representative Bill & June Hodges



Opening session featured the 70 voices of the Friendly City Sound of Ottawa Elementary



Literacy speaker Julia Durango had all of us acting as children on Saturday morning during her program.

Any club who has not had Korah Winn, our returning 2006-2007 Ambassadorial Scholar, for a club program is missing an opportunity of a lifetime. She spent one year in Belfast, Northern Ireland.



DGE Jim Prather, DGN Elise Cadigan and PDG Bob Newlon provided us a peak at what our district may be in for in the upcoming years.



Anyone who has ever attended a District 6420 Conference knows that with Scott Shore and Jim Keely doing the resolutions, no one will be sleeping!



Yes, we did have the Parade of Flags by both our inbound youth exchange and our outgoing students.

RI Rep. Bill and June were a **WONDERFUL** addition to our conference. We were blessed to have them.



From Rep. PDG Bill Hodges: Please pass my heartfelt thanks on to everyone we met during our all too brief visit to your lovely Midwest city that shares the name with another Ottawa that I also love. Everyone was so helpful, friendly and kind. I can't say enough about you and your wonderful team. Please let DGE Jim, DGN Elise and DGNE Rudolf know that I send them my best wishes for the future. With that kind of talent and dedication waiting in the wings, I am confident that District 6420 is in good hands for many years to come.

Photos are compliments of PDG George Partlo



**Just a typical day at the RYLA Camp**



## 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	March 31	
Belvidere	50	55%	54%	54%	64%	55%	55%	59%	56%	57%	.	.	.	48 (-2)	
Belvidere Bright Horizons	13	60%	55%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	60%	65%	.	.	.	13	
DeKalb	25	53%	60%	63%	61%	55%	74%	58%	62%	54%	.	.	.	28 (+3)	
Dixon	69	63%	57%	58%	58%	64%	61%	60%	63%	.	.	.	.	67 (-2)	
East Moline – Silvis	108	83%	81%	81%	74%	77%	77%	81%	78%	69%	.	.	.	105 (-3)	
Erie	14	62%	73%	50%	65%	76%	65%	46%	54%	63%	.	.	.	11 (-3)	
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%	.	.	.	18 (+2)	
Galena	81	69%	78%	74%	86%	66%	69%	78%	77%	76%	.	.	.	85 (+4)	
Geneseo	52	62%	65%	70%	69%	71%	71%	68%	70%	66%	.	.	.	52	
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%	.	.	.	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%	.	.	.	44 (-4)	
Lacon	23	72%	70%	74%	78%	72%	83%	77%	78%	76%	.	.	.	25 (+2)	
LaSalle	42	69%	65%	63%	61%	54%	60%	51%	57%	55%	.	.	.	52 (+10)	
Loves Park	41	85%	83%	83%	82%	81%	93%	86%	87%	83%	.	.	.	43 (+2)	
Marseilles	19	75%	63%	65%	72%	75%	72%	75%	78%	75%	.	.	.	20 (+1)	
Mendota	13	76%	100%	92%	72%	92%	92%	75%	75%	82%	.	.	.	13	
Milan Area	33	54%	58%	54%	67%	66%	67%	66%	53%	73%	.	.	.	37 (+4)	
Moline	152	74%	74%	66%	76%	71%	81%	72%	70%	67%	.	.	.	143 (-9)	
Morrison	51	62%	64%	58%	61%	67%	69%	65%	63%	67%	.	.	.	50 (-1)	
Mount Carroll	19	55%	44%	50%	50%	51%	42%	54%	48%	52%	.	.	.	22 (+3)	
Northern Winnebago County	17	41%	59%	58%	56%	70%	52%	65%	76%	63%	.	.	.	16 (-1)	
Oregon	56	53%	56%	53%	55%	53%	57%	56%	58%	54%	.	.	.	57 (+1)	
Ottawa	76	58%	62%	65%	62%	53%	61%	63%	65%	.	.	.	.	80 (+4)	
Ottawa Sunrise	18	61%	75%	75%	69%	73%	80%	75%	75%	77%	.	.	.	21 (+3)	
Pecatonia	12	87%	58%	77%	68%	72%	64%	70%	82%	69%	.	.	.	17 (+5)	
Peru	47	72%	63%	62%	66%	70%	53%	69%	60%	64%	.	.	.	45 (-2)	
Plano	18	57%	50%	56%	49%	68%	65%	64%	50%	50%	.	.	.	19 (+1)	
Princeton	76	83%	89%	87%	86%	83%	72%	86%	78%	79%	.	.	.	83 (+7)	
Quad Cities	19	68%	65%	67%	44%	71%	60%	67%	65%	.	.	.	.	21 (+2)	
River Cities	31	47%	59%	62%	60%	63%	67%	59%	50%	63%	.	.	.	32 (+1)	
Rochelle	88	59%	66%	58%	66%	66%	54%	67%	63%	65%	.	.	.	94 (+6)	
Rock Falls	24	89%	88%	93%	79%	85%	84%	92%	79%	81%	.	.	.	25 (+1)	
Rock Island	110	60%	59%	62%	68%	66%	64%	61%	58%	59%	.	.	.	105 (-5)	
Rockford	231	n/a	n/a	39%	38%	41%	39%	39%	37%	38%	.	.	.	225 (-6)	
Rockford East/Cherry Valley	38	68%	63%	61%	60%	64%	66%	66%	64%	61%	.	.	.	38	
Sandwich	18	83%	82%	73%	80%	69%	77%	77%	75%	57%	.	.	.	18	
Savanna	34	73%	63%	65%	64%	69%	69%	69%	81%	64%	.	.	.	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%	.	.	.	29 (-1)	
Sycamore	78	66%	58%	67%	63%	63%	63%	62%	56%	.	.	.	.	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%	.	.	.	23 (-2)	
Wenona	19	60%	61%	71%	71%	70%	59%	68%	78%	78%	.	.	.	19	

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2252 per Rotary International July 2007 records

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**Secretaries: Record your attendance, new members, new Paul Harris Sustaining Members & Paul Harris Fellows at [www.rotary6420.org](http://www.rotary6420.org) and click on CALENDAR.**