



2006-2007

District Governor  
Patricia Burch



**District 6420 Newsletter**



**October Edition**

Dear Club Officers and Members:

As you read this, I will be visiting my last three clubs. Thanks to each of you for your kind and sometimes unique welcomes, for the many gifts, for copies of my pictures while visiting your club, but especially for your questions and shared thoughts and stories. I wish I could share the experiences of each visit with all of you. They will always be the part of being District Governor that I will treasure forever.

Last week part of my welcoming committee included 1,000 Siberian Huskies, the father in the restaurant who said his daughter had been an exchange student to Brazil, had learned five languages and is now working as an interpreter for the City of Portland, and at the conclusion of one meeting a new young Rotarian who told me he attended District 6420's RYLA program 15 years ago and still remembers Ed Sharp's presentation and had joined Rotary. It doesn't get any better than that. After my second club visit that day again a young Rotarian said he was a financial consultant and was interested in sharing his expertise with young people. This is Vocational Service at its finest. Are you reaching out and sharing your vocational expertise with youth in your community?



District Committee Members please check the District Calendar or with your chairman about scheduled meetings. Group Study Exchange will be meeting this Saturday to interview team member candidates. If you know a non-rotarian, 25 to 40 yrs. of age, who could travel from April 13 to May 14, 2007, please contact me or Dennis Bokemeier to get an application for this fantastic professional opportunity.

Literacy is alive and well in District 6420. Clubs who haven't had programs in past are currently looking at ideas shared in the Literacy Survey to see how they can get involved.

It's official our Foundation Goal for 2006-07 is \$168,765. I am very happy to say that several clubs have not only met their goals already but have exceeded them. The year end is fast approaching, please plan on your year end gift to our Rotary Foundation. With our gifts we not only reach out and help someone somewhere in the world, three years later a return of monies comes to our district for Ambassadorial Scholarships and simplified grants.

Clubs with Interact and Rotoract Clubs, please let me know when they are meeting. I would like to attend one of their meetings to let them know how important they are to our district. Clubs, if you are hosting special events, PHF Awards, fundraisers, or new member installations, please invite me to share in your successes.

Yours in Rotary Service

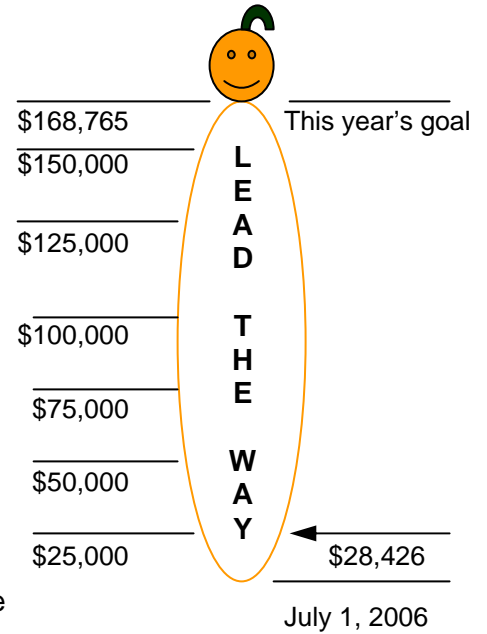
*District Governor Pat Burch*

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## FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

River Cities/Hampton/Rapids City/Port Byron Rotary worked diligently during September achieving 97% of their goal with a contribution of \$725. Moline Rotary took a major step also with a \$2470 contribution to Annual Giving reaching 14% of its goal. Streator Rotary with a \$100 commitment reached 50% of their target. With a \$1000 contribution Galena Rotary is now at 21% of their goal. Thus far Annual Giving to The Rotary Foundation totals \$28,426. We have achieved 17% of our goal of \$168,765.

President Bill Boyd is his letter to all Rotarians on the opening page of November's Rotarian magazine reminds us that "... although we may follow with our hearts, we lead with our heads...We know that our money will be used well and wisely by our fellow Rotarians and that together we can do so much more than we could ever do alone." We are asked to "LEAD THE WAY" with a gift to the Foundation, particularly in November, which is Foundation Month. Be sure to read the article beginning on page 29 of the November issue of the Rotarian titled "Service to the Letter." From A to Z it spells out why our commitment to the Rotary Foundation makes a difference in the world.



*PDG Don Clayberg and PDG Anita Papich*

Co-Chairs of Foundation

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## Rotary Year 2007-2008 is Coming

As each of our Rotary Clubs begins to think about your 2007-2008 Rotary year, the same is happening at the district level. There are eleven Assistant Governors to get confirmed as well as filling 35 district committee chairs. We have those forty-six Rotarians and fifty other committee members, who are all volunteers from our forty-nine clubs. We have thirty-three clubs represented at the district level. *Is your club represented on a district committee or are you one of the sixteen clubs we want to add to our "represented" list?* It is one of my goals to have every club represented by at least one member on a district committee. The qualifications are quite simple and each club has a majority of Rotarians who qualify; they must be willing to help others. That should qualify all 2300+ Rotarians in District 6420.

With our thirty-five committees there is something for everyone. Our district committees provide support to the individual clubs. We are there for literacy & membership ideas and we can help you with your public relations programs and service projects. For our youth, we have committees for youth exchange and our RYLA program and its camp in early May of each year. Our Interact & Rotaract programs provide Rotary exposure from those of high school age up to 30 years old. If the international programs interest you, we have the programs which are designed to provide scholarships and exchanges to countries around the world. If you are a hands-on person, we have our international volunteers and other world wide service projects. For those who wish to assist the 1.5 billion people around the world who do not have safe water to drink and lack the other basic needs such as food and sanitary conditions, we have the programs of The Rotary Foundation, which all begin at the district and club level.

Check with your club members and see who would like to assist the district in the planning phase of these and our other programs. We would hope to have every club represented at the district level. We have committees who purposely seek a membership that represents every geographic area of north-west Illinois.

Contact me with what ever question you may have. We have a place that can use your talents, abilities and interest. We can each **LEAD THE WAY** in District 6420 and *ENJOY ROTARY* while we do it.

DGE Eldon T. Leemhuis, 2007-2008  
Ottawa Sunrise Rotary Club  
[dg6420for2007\\_2008@yahoo.com](mailto:dg6420for2007_2008@yahoo.com)

## PIE TIME !

It took "Becky" the cow nearly two hours to decide where she was going to land her "pie," keeping onlookers in suspense as to whom the \$1,000 grand prize might "fall" in Granville Rotary's Cow Pie Bingo Game, held on September 30 in conjunction with a local apple orchard's Fall Pumpkin Festival in Granville.

The "landowner" of the lucky square turned out to be Ryan Slingsby, 1-year old son of John and (Past Granville Rotary President) Chris Slingsby of Ladd.

The bingo grid consists of 450 squares, assigned to each purchaser of a \$10 ticket. In addition to the grand prize, ten ticket holders each won \$100 as their names were drawn throughout the event. Granville Rotary has kept its "corner" on the cow pie bingo market in Putnam County, promoting the fundraiser as one of its main sources of support for the Club's many local, vocational and international service projects.



Article submitted by:

Scott Shore  
and the  
Granville Rotary club



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### ***A Gift from the Heart***

The Pecatonica Rotary Club has raised \$5,295 for its project to build a preschool/community center in the village of Ha Mohapi, Province of Quthing, country of Lesotho. Building materials have been purchased and construction is ready to proceed. Contributions have come from Rotary Clubs including Pecatonica, Freeport Sunrise, Madison South (WI), Pecatonica School Staff and Board of Education along with many private individuals. The Maseru Lesotho Rotary Club is working with the Pecatonica Club in facilitating the project with Peace Corp Volunteer Charlotte Giuffre who is working with the local residents and the government of Lesotho. The village is extremely poor and has no plumbing or electricity. Reportedly, villagers have responded with great excitement and can hardly believe what is happening. Their experience has been in having things promised that never happen. Charlotte Giuffre is the granddaughter of Chuck Norland Pecatonica Rotary Club Member.  
Rotarian Norland

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### **Our Inbound Youth Exchange students enjoyed a Halloween tradition**

About this time of year our district's Inbound Youth gets introduced to the American tradition of carving pumpkins for the upcoming event of Halloween. The Dixon Rotary club hosted all our inbound exchange students with a cookout and pumpkins to test their creative skills in carving a face on the pumpkins.



## ROCKFORD ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR: ALEXANDRE NGAMIJE

For Alexandre Ngamije, coming to Rockford meant a lot of culture shock.

After being born in the Congo, and being raised by his family in Rwanda, seeing America for the first time brought him in contact with many things he had never seen before -- such as tall buildings, ice cream, and snow. "It was totally different...I saw many new things, different from my country," said Alex. And since he was raised speaking French, he has had to learn English, and faces language barriers daily.

But he is determined to take advantage of the Ambassadorial Scholarship that Rotary has provided for him...and build a better life for his family.

Alex is now a student at Rockford College, where he is studying for his Masters in Business Administration; for Ngamije, 31, this will mean a lot of work -- and a long separation from his wife and child, as his studies will keep him in the United States for two years. He hopes to have them come visit while he is here.

While in Africa, he was hired as an interpreter for Bob Ceroin from the Rotary Club of Asheville, North Carolina; he started Alex on the process of obtaining the scholarship, giving him a chance to study in America. Alex was originally slated to attend Louisiana State University; but LSU was full by the time he was ready to apply. He was referred to District 6420 in May, and was approved for Rockford College's MBA program in July.

After earning his degree, Alex hopes to return home and use his knowledge to build his own business. "In my future, I want to be (an) active entrepreneur -- that is my plan," he said; "To create a business depends on opportunities; I want to have my own business." He may consider a company related to transportation, among other possibilities.

Since his scholarship only covers education-related expenses, Rockford Rotarians have come together to provide him with everything else he needs. Alex brought few possessions with him from Africa, so Rotarians helped him obtain clothing, a computer and other personal items. But funds are still needed for Alex's expenses.

The Rockford Rotary Club is now offering a challenge to other Clubs in District 6420; they will match any donations made to the District's Ambassadorial Scholarship Fund, up to \$2500.00. These funds will be used to help Alex during his stay in the United States. Any club wishing to contribute should submit a donation to District Treasurer Nel Pitelka; checks should be made out to District 6420, with the notation that it is to be donated to the Ambassadorial Scholarship Fund.

submitted by Brian Adams  
District P.R.Chair



George Bass and Alex Ngamije

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### Follow some of our Outbound Youth Exchange students

Ottawa Noon's Ashley Krepps adventures in Thailand can be found at:

[http://www.fotolog.com/Ashley\\_thai1](http://www.fotolog.com/Ashley_thai1) or you can send her an e-mail at [abu\\_062003@yahoo.com](mailto:abu_062003@yahoo.com)

Ottawa Noon's Chase Derek's adventures in Brazil can be found at: <http://www.xanga.com/tboner88>

If any other club's outbound youth exchange student has a fotolog or a web site please let me know.

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### A New Toll-Free TRF Contact Center

The Rotary Foundation is taking general inquiry calls and e-mails for The Rotary Foundation and its programs. This applies to all Rotarians, clubs and districts in the USA and Canada.

Call 1-866-9ROTARY or e-mail [contact.center@rotary.org](mailto:contact.center@rotary.org) To Check on your donations, recognition points, deadlines for grants and applications, contact names for your applications and more.

The TRF Contact Center is open Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Central Standard Time (CST).

## Rotary International has a new Distribution Center with RI Archives

Located in Lincolnwood at 7100 N. Lawndale Avenue is RI's new facility for their Distribution Center, where all the booklets and brochures come from, Rotary archives are stored, and the home of the new Toll-Free RI Contact Center.



This is just a small part of the Distribution Center



This is the archives room with new motorized sliding modules



Front of building

This facility also stores all the items that are used at every International Convention including, as pictured "The Iron Lung".

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## New addresses for clubs, Rotarians sending dues or contributions to North America

All Rotarians and clubs that remit their dues and send Rotary Foundation contributions to North America need to note the new address of lockboxes (special post boxes designated to collect these funds).

Effective 1 October 2006, lockbox addresses are changing for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation:

### ***For Rotarians and clubs that remit payments to the U.S.:***

#### **Send membership dues and payments to Rotary International:**

Rotary International  
14255 Collections Center Drive  
Chicago, IL 60693

#### **Send contributions to The Rotary Foundation:**

The Rotary Foundation  
14280 Collections Center Drive  
Chicago, IL 60693

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### **In Memory of District 6420 Past District Governor Curtis T. Gruenau**

Our 1987-88 District Governor Curt Gruenau from the Freeport Rotary club will be remembered by many. Curt was not only a Past District Governor but a community leader, a mentor to many, and well respected by all who knew him. Curtis Thomsen Gruenau, October 20, 1914 – October 4, 2006, was a dedicated, hard working Rotarian who will be greatly missed by all.

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### **Club Presidents and Secretaries: Did You Know....** *Information Resources for New Club Officers*

Did you know that the Club and District Support (CDS) staff at Rotary International serves as your primary contact at the RI Headquarters? They are ready to answer almost any question you may have about Rotary, and can provide you with advice on such topics as club elections, constitutional matters, club traditions and customs, club operations, and RI Board policy.

Do you know who your CDS representative is? Your representative can be found on the web at: <http://www.rotary.org/support/CDAreps/index.html>.

Have you seen some of our web resources that will make it easier for you to administer your club?

Helpful resources have been designed specifically for club presidents and secretaries. A copy is attached, and it can also be found on the Rotary web site at:

[http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/club\\_pres\\_sec\\_resources.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/club_pres_sec_resources.pdf).

Learn how you can make changes to your club's membership records, reference various Rotary Foundation reports, pay your club's dues online, and report next year's club officers using Member Access. Full instructions and helpful suggestions can be found on the web at: <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/faq.asp>.

You can find a selection of important club administration publications, including audiovisual programs, club software, forms and supplies on the web at: <http://shop.rotary.org/catalog/default.php?cPath=37>

The Club President's Checklist is a month-to-month calendar, for the club president and president-elect, with reminders about important club and district functions, as well as RI and Rotary Foundation program due dates. Find it at [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pres\\_checklist.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pres_checklist.pdf).

The Club Leadership Plan is a great new way to invigorate stagnant clubs. It is based on the best practices of effective Rotary clubs. You can find this plan on the web at: <http://www.rotary.org/support/club/clubplan.html>

Important information for Rotary clubs located in the USA is attached. It provides basic information regarding your club's tax status and mandatory yearly reports to the I.R.S. You can find additional copies on the web at: [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/info\\_paper\\_clubs\\_irs.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/info_paper_clubs_irs.pdf).

The RI Secretariat staff looks forward to working with you and supporting your club's service efforts in the year ahead. Be sure to contact your CDS representative whenever you may need help from RI Headquarters!

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### **President of Rotary International in 2008-2009**



The 2006-07 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2008-09, having functioned in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary International, has indicated that it unanimously nominated:

**Dong Kurn "D.K." Lee**

**Of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Seoul, Korea**

For the office of President of Rotary International for the year 2008-09.

Biographical information for Trustee Lee is available on the RI Web site and in the next issue of the *Rotary World*.

## Literacy Improvement: What can Rotary Clubs do?

Andy Axup, District Literacy Committee

Rotarians are challenged to advance literacy in their communities. If your club is already involved in a literacy project, Great! Keep up the good work. If not, see the ABC's to Literacy developed by the Literacy Committee to help you get started:

**A**ppoint a literacy contact or committee for your club... to learn about community literacy needs and opportunities, to coordinate and lead club literacy projects, and to keep the club informed.

**B**e involved... support local, not-for-profit community literacy providers through volunteer help or financial assistance. Invite a local literacy provider or a Rotarian from a club with an active literacy project as a speaker.

**C**reate ideas... develop a club project to meet a need. Recruit club members to provide support as tutors, readers, fundraisers...

**D**on't forget to share... let other clubs know about your activities. Submit your club's project in the District Governor's Achievement Awards for Literacy and join us at the District Conference Literacy Breakfast to celebrate Rotarians for Literacy!

Be sure to check out these sources for Information on Literacy:

**Rotary International:** Through the Community Projects Database, try searching the Rotary clubs in the USA for literacy and you get an idea of what other clubs are doing.

<http://www.rotary.org/programs/projectsdb/index.html>

**Literacy hot-lines:** Toll-free information services about literacy activities and program. In Illinois: Adult learning and GED: 1-800-321-9511; Secretary of State Literacy Office: 1-800-665-5576, <http://www.illinois.gov/learning/literacy.cfm>, National: 1-800-228-8813.

**Not-for-profit community providers:** Local school districts, libraries, community colleges, churches and others need volunteers or funds to promote the development of basic literacy skills.

**RI District 6420 Literacy Committee:** For information and ideas on getting started or help in finding a literacy speaker, contact any committee member (District 6420 Directory) or Andy Axup at [axupandrew@sau.edu](mailto:axupandrew@sau.edu).

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### Announcements

More changes in the directory

1. On Page 14, AG Jim Moran has changed his e-mail to: [James.Moran@comcast.net](mailto:James.Moran@comcast.net)
2. On Page 37, President of Freeport Sunrise, Tim Regan, has a new address: 2122 Oriole Drive, Freeport, IL. 61032-8449
3. On page 39, The Harvard club has a new Secretary who is Doug Mather and his e-mail is: [doug@m@espi.com](mailto:doug@m@espi.com) .
4. Also on page 39, President of the Harvard club, Shawn Davenport, has a new e-mail address which is [sdavenport@mhsjvl.org](mailto:sdavenport@mhsjvl.org)
5. On page 40, Secretary of the Illinois Valley Sunrise club, Amy Moskalewicz, has a new e-mail: [LSB@eLSB.com](mailto:LSB@eLSB.com)
6. On page 41, Secretary Marc Loomer's e-mail is: [mloomer@resourcedirect.net](mailto:mloomer@resourcedirect.net)
7. On page 41, Treasurer Kanda Jeske's e-mail is: [Kanda.wolffcpa@comcast.net](mailto:Kanda.wolffcpa@comcast.net)
8. On page 44, President Dean Hiebert's e-mail is: [dhiebert@shive-hattery.com](mailto:dhiebert@shive-hattery.com)
9. On page 55, Secretary Brian Adams's e-mail is: [rotary6420pr@hotmail.com](mailto:rotary6420pr@hotmail.com)

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**The District Website has moved!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**[www.rotary6420.net](http://www.rotary6420.net)**

You can now make a Rotary meeting on the internet at [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

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### ***Share Your Programs***

Programs are so important in making our Rotary clubs strong but it is sometimes hard for clubs to come up with a good program every week. I would like you to share your exceptional programs/speakers that you have had at your club recently with me, PDG Bob Newlon. I will list them in the newsletter to give other Rotary clubs ideas or to have that program at their meeting. If the program is area sensitive I will note that comment.

Please send me the information of your interesting programs and/or names of the speakers along with the contact information.

I also have a great number of Rotary videos on VHS or DVD for a back up program in case your guest speaker cancels at the last minute.

**Coming next month will be Rotary club attendance reports. If your club has not been sending them in this is a good time to get caught up and no one will know you were a slacker.**

**Does your Rotary club have a fundraiser coming up?**

**Are you proud of something that your Rotary club has done in Literacy, Membership, Public Relations, or for the Rotary Foundation?**

Send it to:

**PDG Bob Newlon** by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**1108 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street** Newsletter will be out

**Sterling, Illinois 61081** by the 25<sup>th</sup>

**E-mail to: [newlon@essex1.com](mailto:newlon@essex1.com)**

### **THE LOST LAWS OF LIFE**

1. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
2. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
3. The two most common elements in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity.
4. Deja moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.
5. Psychiatrists say that 1 of 4 people are mentally ill. Check three friends. If they're OK, you're it.
6. Nothing in the known universe travels faster than a bad check.
7. A truly wise man never plays leapfrog with a unicorn.
8. It has recently been discovered that research causes cancer in rats.
9. Always remember to pillage BEFORE you burn.
10. If you are given an open-book exam, you will forget your book.
11. If you are given a take-home test, you will forget where you live.
12. The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.
13. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
14. The Law of Gravity: You can't fall off the floor.
15. The average woman would rather have beauty than brains because the average man can see better than he can think.
16. Clothes make the man. Naked people have little-to-no influence on society.
17. Vital papers will demonstrate their vitality by moving from where you left them to where you can't find them.
18. Law of Probability Dispersal: Whatever it is that hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.

**Sign on a Septic Tank Truck in Oregon:  
Yesterday's Meals on Wheels**

**ThThTh That's all folks!**