



2006-2007

District Governor  
Patricia Burch



**District 6420 Newsletter**



**November Edition**

Happy Thanksgiving Rotarians,

November gives all of us opportunities to give thanks: First to those men and women who have served our country in a branch of the military service to preserve peace in our world. Our local high school students interviewed and videotaped veterans who shared their stories for historical preservation. I'm not sure who benefited most by this intergenerational project but it gained publicity both locally and regionally.

Secondly we give thanks for our families as they gather together to celebrate Thanksgiving. Hopefully we give thanks for our Rotary family by inviting someone who has no place to go to join us at our table and provide food stuffs and/or monies for the shelters in our communities to insure everyone has good food and friends to share this day of Thanksgiving.

Rotarians are you "Leading the Way" by planning your year end gift to our Foundation so Rotary can extend shared blessings throughout the world? Three years later a part of that gift is returned to our District as grants and ambassadorial scholarship money.

Congrats to the GSE Committee and Chairman Dennis Bokemeier who have selected the following individuals who will be serving as District 6420 Ambassadors to District 1930 in southern Germany: Mary Unterbrunner, Team Leader, Yorkville, Justin Mapes, Minister, Cedarville, IL, Derek Papich, Director Boys and Girls Club, Machesney Park, Kellee Sandifur, Teacher/Fashion Designer, Ottawa, and Jessica Caddell, Director, Arts Council, Freeport, Team Members. The team held its first orientation session (3 of 12 hrs.) in Rochelle on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Club Secretaries, please get a press release advertising for Ambassadorial Scholar candidates to your local papers, radio stations, and/or TV stations in the next couple of weeks to catch those students who are home for the holidays. A sample press release was provided in the President's training manual. Or E-mail Trainer Bob Newlon or myself to get another copy.

Thank you for the invitations to your fund raisers, special recognitions, and to hear special speakers. In December I will be attending my first Interact meeting at Freeport Aquin. Club Presidents make sure I am invited to meet with the Interact and/or Rotoract Clubs you sponsor.

Dec. 1 is the deadline for signing up for Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City on June 17-20. Please don't let this deadline slip by you in this busy holiday season. If you need tickets to the Northland Breakfast, please let me know. This is a breakfast where attendees from Zones 27 and 28 get together.

Thank you Loves Park for this very appropriate closing.

"War cannot go on forever. Peace must and shall come. The years ahead reserve for Rotary a most difficult and arduous task. To heal the wounds of a war-ravished world, to substitute for hate, mutual understanding and tolerance; to create affection where rancour exists; to change enemies into friends and replace excited passion and armed struggle by goodwill and international peace."

Paul P. Harris, The Rotarian, 1942.

Yours in Rotary Service

*District Governor Pat Burch*

# # #

### FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

With an \$834 contribution to Annual Giving, Sandwich Rotary steam rolled past their original goal of \$480 to achieve 174% of its target in just one month. Harvard Rotary reached 94% of its mark during October with a \$750 contribution. These two clubs achieved fantastic results in a single month. Rockford East/Cherry Valley Rotary tallied \$1100 for 24% of its goal while Sycamore Rotary recorded \$1975 for 26% of their mark. Twin Cities Rotary charged ahead achieving 37% of its target with a \$1225 contribution to Annual Giving. Dixon Rotary took another great stride in fulfilling their goal and stands at 61% of target with an additional contribution of \$1205.

Thus far twenty eight clubs have made initial contributions toward achieving their Annual Giving goals. Since November is Foundation Month we encourage all clubs to begin and continue working to achieve their goals. Annual Giving represents the life blood of what we as a District can do in our programs of World Grants, District Simplified Grants, Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange, and World Peace Scholars. As a District we have reached \$37,000 which is 22% of our goal of \$168,765.

In this Season of Thanksgiving let us make our gifts to The Rotary Foundation in thankfulness for all the blessings that we have received as citizens of the United States. As Rotarians we have made the world a place of hope for many and must continue in our efforts to make the world a place of hope for all.

*PDG Don Clayberg and PDG Anita Papich*

Co-Chairs of Foundation

# # #

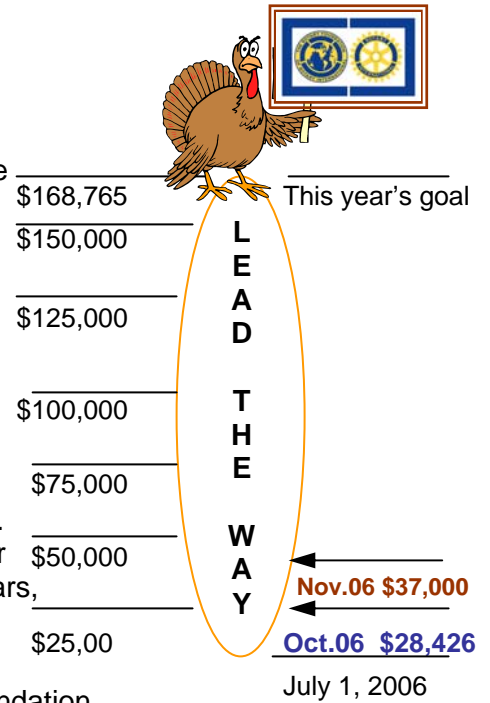
### Club Presidents & Secretaries:

December is quickly approaching and the 31<sup>st</sup> of December is the deadline for submitting the names of your 2007-2008 President and Secretary to Rotary International. To date, I know we have 42 of our 49 new club presidents named but only 17 have been reported to Rotary International. This information is used for their official annual directory. The information needed by Rotary International is the incoming president, secretary, meeting date, time and location. Club Secretaries were sent the form to fill out about 6 weeks ago. If you have not submitted yours, get it in. This information can also be updated using [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and go to "member access".

And while we are speaking of December and your 2007-2008 President and Secretary, please take the time to fill your other officer positions so that these officers can select their committee chairs in December. The leadership team that is selected for your club in December will be included in the new 2007-2008 district directory, which is presently being put together. The district request for those names and other information will be sent to your club within a couple of weeks.

With the assistance of this information, we are planning on 2007-2008 to be not only a successful, but also a very "club involved" year in District 6420.

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



# # #

## This is Your Life -- Tom Freebairn

The LaSalle Club chose this month, Foundation Month, to present their first annual Service Above Self Award to Tom Freebairn. Tom is the largest Foundation contributor LaSalle has, making himself, his wife, June, and three of his grandchildren Paul Harris Fellows. Tom is a Level II Major Donor and a Rotarian for twenty five years. Tom has never missed a District Conference and has served the District by serving as Major Donor Chairman in 2000-2002 and as Host Father to five Youth Exchange students. Tom and June serve as raffle chairmen for the club's Draw Down fundraiser. In addition to the plaque LaSalle Rotary Club presented Tom, his family, DG Pat Burch, PDG Anita Papich, DGE Eldon Leemhuis and Nancy, and club members with a special cake with Tom's picture on it. Pictures of his life were displayed on five poster boards. Way to go, LaSalle. What a perfect way to observe Foundation Month.



(Pictured: Michael Porter, President of the LaSalle Rotary Club (Left) presenting Tom Freebairn with the Service Above Self Award)

# # #



### Rotary club banner from China!

PDG Fred Houlton proves you are welcome to make up a rotary meeting anywhere in the world by bringing back a Rotary club banner from China from his recent trip.

Read all about his revisiting China after 25 years on the attachment on this e-mail or the insert with this mailing.



# # #

## Loves Park Rotary Congratulates Their Newest Paul Harris Fellow



Loves Park Rotarian Betty Smith received her Paul Harris Fellow Medallion and Certificate at the November 22nd club meeting. PDG's Stu Smith, Mel Sparlin and Anita Papich presented the award to Betty and remarked upon her commitment to The Rotary Foundation noting that she is half way toward the next PHF. It was especially fitting that this award was presented during Foundation Month. Many Rotarians in the District know Betty for her many years of service as the Outbound Coordinator of our Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Her husband Dave, also a Paul Harris Fellow, was on hand to support and applaud his wife's Rotary service.

Picture supplied by Dave Smith and article supplied by PDG Anita Papich.

# # #



**Jessica Caddell**  
Sponsored by the  
Freeport Noon Club



**Kellee Sandifur**  
Sponsored by the  
Ottawa Noon Club



**Derek Papich**  
Sponsored by the  
Loves Park Club



**Justin Mapes**  
Sponsored by the  
Freeport Sunrise Club

Here is our District's  
Group Study Exchange team  
going to Germany  
in the spring of 2007



**Left: Mary Unterbrunner**  
**Team Leader**

Yorkville Club member

**Right: Dennis Bokemeier**

**Chair of GSE committee**

Freeport Noon Club member  
( not going to Germany )

**# # #**



The Rock Island Rotary hosted their second Days of Wine and Rotary wine tasting evening for almost 150 Rotarians, family members and guests. The successful evening consisted of wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, live music and raffles. Pictured above l to r are Amy Sehn, event chairperson; PDG Anita Papich, Jeff Dismer, Rock Island Rotary President and DG Pat Burch. The event, held at the restored historic Rock Island Railroad Lines Depot, netted approximately \$5,500 for Club projects. One of highlights of the evening was the drawing for a \$2,500 travel voucher won by Nancy Luckenbill, wife of PDG Fred.

Article submitted by: PDG Fred Luckenbill

The Twin Cities Rotary club also had a very profitable wine tasting and silent auction event. I guess Rotarians like their wine and Rotary, I know I do.

**# # #**

### ***Announcements***

More changes in the directory

1. On Page 56 Nyla Winchell, President of the Twin Cities Club, has a new e-mail address of: [t.winchell@insightbb.com](mailto:t.winchell@insightbb.com)

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



**The District Website now has two locations:**

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

OR

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

It is the same great website.

## District Rotarians back from a very successful Literacy trip to Costa Rica.



PDG Bob Newlon, wife Linda, AG Leo Patterson, wife Linda, and Sterling Rotarian Judy Gonzalez, husband John went to Limon, Costa Rica to visit as many schools as possible to find out their needs first hand. With as many suit cases as possible filled to capacity with Braille books, Spanish books, pencils, pens, erasers, medical kits, candy, and many beanie babies we were off. .

Olman Barboza, our Limon Rotary club contact, fulfilled our wishes by scheduling us to visit 50 schools in 5 days so we could get a good idea of the need in their schools.

We also met with the head of the Red Cross in Limon to talk about their medical needs.

Any club who would like to know more about our trip with a program please contact PDG Bob Newlon to make arrangements.

# # #

## 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

# # #



Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thinking about going to the 2007 Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah? Register now and save \$40 per person if you register before DECEMBER 1, 2006, this is a friendly reminder that Rotary International's early (least expensive) registration deadline for the "Rendezvous in Salt Lake City" Convention. The Convention dates are June 17-20, 2007. Also tickets are available for our Zones' Great Northland Breakfast, which will take place at the Marriott Downtown Hotel on Sunday morning, June 17. Tickets are \$30 each, and checks should be made out to "Zones 27/28". The checks may be mailed to either me or Ed Schulz. Ed's address is 1095 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. My address is 1017 Bailey Road, Naperville, IL 60565.

The registration form can be downloaded from the RI website: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) . We hope you are enjoying these beautiful fall days, and we look forward to seeing you in Salt Lake City.

PDG Dick Galitz

# # #

## Fun things to do if you get board

1. At lunch time, sit in your parked car with sun glasses on, and point a hair dryer at passing cars. See how many slow down.
2. Page yourself over the intercom. Don't disguise your voice.
3. Every time someone asks you to do something, ask if they want fries with that.
4. Put your garbage can on your desk and label it "IN".
5. Put decaf in the coffee-maker for three weeks. Once everyone has gotten over their caffeine addictions, switch to espresso.
6. Finish all your sentences with, "...in accordance with the prophecy."
7. As often as possible, skip, don't walk.
8. Specify that your drive-through order is "to go."
9. Sing along at the opera.
10. When the money comes out of the ATM, yell "I won! I won!"
11. When leaving the zoo, start running toward the parking lot, yelling "Run for your lives. They're loose."
12. Tell your children over dinner, "Due to the economy, we are going to have to let one of you go."

### 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.

**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**  
**Sterling, Illinois 61081      out by the 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**E-mail to: [newlon@essex1.com](mailto:newlon@essex1.com)**

Seen on a sign

In a Veterinarian's waiting room:  
"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

**ThThTh That's all folks!**

7/01/06 Members																				
% of Attendance																				
# of Meetings																				
Membership change																				
# of Members																				
Belvidere	53																			
Belvidere Bright Horz.	17	60	4	-2	15	60	5	-1	16	65	4	-1	16	65	4	-1	16			
DeKalb	27	51	4	1	28	60	4		27											
Dixon	81																			
E.Moline/Silvis	113																			
Erie	12									58	2		12							
Freeport	89																			
Freeport Sunrise	18																			
Galena	84	77	4	1	85															
Geneseo	52	65	4	1	53	70	5	2	54	64	5	2	54	69	5	52				
Granville	28	77	4	1	29															
Harvard	17	58	3	3	20	64	5	3	20	71	4	4	21							
Henry	41	70	4	-3	38	78	4	-2	39	80	3	-2	39	76	4	-2	39			
IL.Valley Sunrise	41																			
Kish. Sunrise	52	62	3	1	53	64	5	1	53	79	4	-2	50	68	5	-2	50			
Lacon	27																			
LaSalle	48																			
Loves Park	51																			
Marseilles	15	77	4	1	16					81	3	1	16	84	4	1	16			
Mendota	18	91	3	1	19	72	5	1	19	88	4	1	19	52	5	1	19			
Milian	32																			
Moline	180	63	4	-12	168	62	4	-12	168	58	3	-16	164	60	5	-20	160			
Morrison	48	65	4		48	61	5		48	67	4		48	65	4		48			
Mt. Carroll	20	65	3	2	22	45	5	2	22	55	4	2	22							
N.Winnebago Co.	17	48	4		17															
Oregon	55																			
Ottawa	63																			
Ottawa Sunrise	18	74	4	1	19	80	3	1	19	76	5	1	19	76	4	1	19			
Pecatonica	12																			
Peru	47	76	4	2	49	80	3	1	48	78	4	1	48	84	4	1	48			
Plano	25	35	3		25					24	4	-1	40							
Princeton	77	74	3	-1	76	89	5	-2	75	89	4	-3	74	87	5	-2	75			
Quad Cities	17																			
River Cities	29																			
Rochelle	89	65	3	-1	88	68	5		89	62	5	3	91	62	5	2	91			
Rock Falls	22	88	4	2	24	82	4	2	24	86	3	3	25	81	5	3	25			
Rock Island	105	56	3	1	106	68	5		105	57	4		105	58	5	7	112			
Rockford	226			9	235			5	231	42	4	3	229							
Rockford E./C.V	43	82	4	-8	35	66	5	-8	35	73	4	-7	36							
Sandwich	21																			
Savanna	33	68	4	0	33	65	5		33	69	4		33	67	4		33			
Sterling	57	73	3	5	62	76	5	5	62	70	4	6	63							
Streator	34																			
Sycamore	76	60	4	-1	75	62	5	-1	75	73	4	-1	75	72	4	-1	75			
Toluca	17																			
Twin Cities	34																			
Walnut	25	83	4	2	27	81	5	2	27											
Wenona	19	75	4	-2	17	82	4	-2	17	76	4	-1	18	70	5	-1	18			
Yorkville	12																			
		_JULY 06				AUG. 06				SEPT. 06				OCT. 06						