



2006-2007

District Governor  
Patricia Burch



**District 6420 Newsletter**



**March Edition**

Spring Greetings 6420 Rotarians:

It's official District 6420 will charter a new Rotaract Club at Northern Illinois University on April 5 with 19 members. World Rotaract Week was March 7-13. Amanda Benoit, an Interact student from Hersher High School is the dynamo "Leading the Way". Come meet her at District Conference. Thank you to Jeff Gorman, District Rotaract Committee Chairman, for putting on his track shoes to get this accomplished. Lindsey from Rockford College Rotaract and Ben Sterkel from Kishwaukee Community College unchartered Rotaract will have displays and share news about their programs.

District Simplified Grants were given to the following clubs: Granville (Afterglow 07), LaSalle (Rotary Park), Rochelle (Leveled Readers for Guided Reading), Rockford (Rotary Academy Final Celebration) \$1,000 was presented to each club. Galena (Apple River Fort Education Days), Henry (Emergency Medical Information Book), Loves Park (CO2 Detectors for Seniors), Mt. Carroll (Nursing Home benches), Ottawa Sunrise (Reach Them Early), Princeton (Adaptive Equipment Project), River Cities (Bring in a Trainer Computer Learning), and Sandwich (Youth Baseball Scoreboards). Each club received \$500.

April 13 is the deadline for RYLA applications. Clubs please sponsor your Inbound and Outbound Youth Exchange students and area high school students to attend this jam packed weekend of Leadership training, dynamic speakers, team building challenges, and fellowship opportunities. Ask attendees to be a future speaker to share their experiences with club members.

Club officers and members, there are 33 registrations for District Conference. District 6420 has 2,300 + members. April 4 is the deadline to register and guarantee your meals. Dana McCoy and Jan Andersen will present highlights of their February Polio Plus NID trip to India, the Group Study Exchange team from District 1930, southern Germany will share pictures and a presentation, Gary Matteson will update us on his upcoming trip to Costa Rica to install the final 10 wells. Award winning Midnight Voices from RTHS will entertain you. Carla Raynor, Family Literacy Coordinator from Kishwaukee College, will share potential Literacy projects. Ambassadorial Scholar Alex Ngamije will talk about his journey from Rwanda to Illinois. You will meet Mary Bean, one of 60 Peace Scholars in the world, from our very own Geneseo. PDG Tom Thorffinson will intrigue you with Rotary in Action stories. Inbound and Outbound Exchange Students and Outbound student parents will greet you and showcase their countries and their talents on Saturday afternoon and evening. Host clubs, please sit with the outbound parents that night. They may volunteer to be future host families. These outbound parents are the District's special guests for this evening. Special guest Matilda Tellall will present Tillie's 100 Years of Rotary especially District 6420. What highlights will Tillie share about your club. REGISTER FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE TODAY.

Recognize your special members and/or officers for Officer of the Year, Rotarian of the Year, New Rotarian of the Year and nominate someone from your community for the Service above Self award.

Some people make the world more special just by being in it. THANK YOU, District 6420 Rotarians for being in my world.

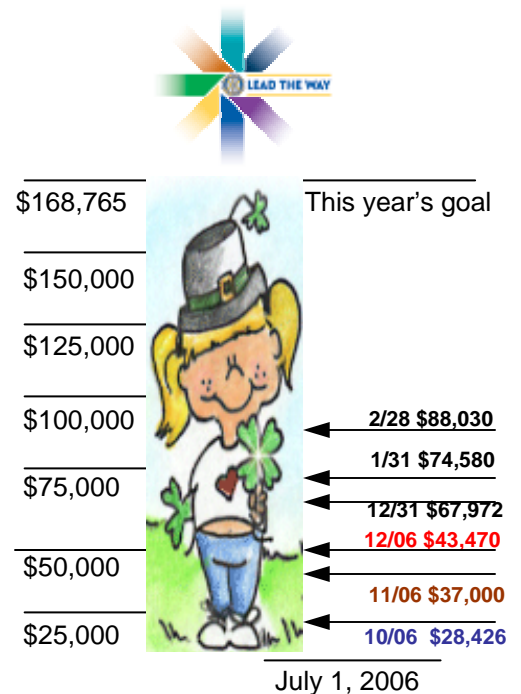
Yours in Rotary Service

*District Governor Pat Burch*

## FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

Freeport Rotary has achieved 43% of their goal this month with a contribution of \$1925. Dixon Rotary has added another \$1085 to bring their Foundation Giving to the \$3655 level for 91% of goal. Recording another \$1950, Kishwaukee Sunrise Rotary has tallied a total of \$2945 or 589% of their goal. Mount Carroll Rotary contributed \$700 this month for 49% of their goal. Adding \$650 to reach the \$3260 level, Ottawa Rotary has achieved 50% of their goal. Rockford Rotary has tallied \$3125 to bring their giving to \$6580 or 30% of goal. With a \$1855 contribution, Sterling Rotary has tallied a total of \$2855 or 48% of goal. Thus far the District has reached 52% of our \$168,765 goal with \$88,030 recorded.

Milan Rotary's contribution of \$800 for Polio Plus has brought that fund to \$7128. We need every Rotarian in the District to make a commitment to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation in the next three months to provide for the District programs. Each one of us can demonstrate the "POWER OF ONE".



### *PDG Don Clayberg and PDG Anita Papich*

Co-Chairs of Foundation

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With the two sessions of PETS completed for 2007, I just want to thank all of our 49 Club Presidents and Secretaries, as well as the District Officers and Assistant Governors, who supplied me with the names and addresses of the incoming officers for 2007-2008. I started the "gathering" process last September when your terms were just beginning. Your input was greatly appreciated.

Now as you are looking at the last quarter of you year, there are still a few more item to accomplish. Of course the main event is the District 6420 Conference being held in Rochelle on April 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. This is an event for all Rotarians of the district, not just the club and district officers. More detailed information is contained in this newsletter.

As a district, we hope each club has been contacting your top students in your communities, to see who would like a \$23,000 scholarship. You were asked to start your search last fall and now is the time to get those applications filled out and the students interviewed by your clubs. We are referring to Ambassadorial Scholar applicants. At a minimum, applicants must be completing their college freshman year or willing to study overseas as post graduate work. In July, our district selection committee will be choosing scholar(s) for college year 2008-2009. Please make sure your community's top students get a chance at this opportunity. A copy of the news release is attached.

Enjoy the rest of 2006-2007 and make sure that each of you continues to Lead TheWay in the lives of everyone that Rotary touches.

DGE Eldon Leemhuis  
[dg6420for2007\\_2008@yahoo.com](mailto:dg6420for2007_2008@yahoo.com)

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## The Limon Rotary club members working on our Literacy Grant



It is the start of a new school year in Costa Rica and the Limon Rotary club members are out working on our Literacy Grant supplying schools with supplies and uniforms for the children who can not afford them. (Left) Children who could not have afforded uniforms now are ready for school. (Right) Limon Rotarian fitting a child with a school uniform.



This picture shows a school that now has some new school supplies delivered by the Limon Rotary club members thanks to our literacy grant.



The Limon club visited some of the schools in the northeastern part of Costa Rica where the schools are in great need.

All the children appreciate our efforts in helping them.

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### A note from Korah Winn, our Ambassadorial Scholar in Ireland

I'm so grateful that I have such a wonderful district here to explore. I've visited more and more towns throughout Northern Ireland and the south and I look forward to getting to visit even more places here as the weather is now turning to spring. I got to visit the North coast three weeks ago and I was stunned with just how beautiful everything was. It's exciting to begin making some plans to travel this summer. I have been cautious with my reserve money since I got here so I think I am going to have a nice little bit to travel with. I'm not into luxury traveling either so if it means roughing it in order to get to see one or two extra countries and cultures then I am all for it. Already, I feel so different for having been exposed to Mexico, the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. You gain new insights in every location you visit. Life is quite exciting. I'm trying to make the most of my schooling, Rotary experiences, volunteering and traveling during my time overseas. I feel blessed beyond words. I'll be home before I know it so I'm trying to treasure each day as it comes. Officially, I will be back in the U.S.A. on the evening of September 11th. Please spread the word that I am incredibly keen to share my experiences in Northern Ireland with the clubs back home. I've already started collecting pictures for my presentation and started jotting down ideas of insights I've gained about this area. My mother's husband joined the Rotary Club in Cottonwood (not Prescott City as I previously thought), AZ just this past autumn and I will probably even make a presentation for them when I go out to see my mother after returning to the states. I know some clubs plan programs far in advance so anyone in our district can feel free to contact me even now about coming to speak this fall. I would love to do the majority of them right after I get back so that my enthusiasm will still be at it's peak and I will also have a freer schedule because of just returning. I'm free to start two days after I get back from Belfast. SO MUCH TO SHARE!!! :-)

Sincerely, Korah

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**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 now expanding for greater information and enjoyment with the new FORUMS site and a download page for easy information access.

**FOUNDATION NEWS**

Trustee Chair Luis Vicente Giay, at the recent 2007 International Assembly in San Diego, reported that the Foundation has surpassed its 2006-07 goals, garnering recognition for its credibility and reliability. "There is no question about this – our Foundation is enjoying the greatest moment in its history," said Giay as reported in *The Rotary International News*. Of the 200,000+ foundations in the U.S., the Rotary Foundation now ranks among the top institutions. "This year, foundation evaluator Charity Navigator put The Rotary Foundation on its list of 50 best organizations with a maximum rating of four stars." The article stated that reasons for the accolades include the Foundation's efficient administration, sound investments and excellent control over its programs. Giay stated, "Today, one word clearly defines our Foundation and that word is credibility."

It is reassuring to see this analysis of our Foundation.

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**ROTARY DISTRICT 6420 NEW GENERATIONS AWARD**

**Nomination Form (deadline: March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 5:00 pm Fax or e-mail only)**

Name of Rotary Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**LISTING OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES CLUB IS INVOLVED IN:**

\_\_\_\_\_ INTERACT – Identify School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ RYLA

\_\_\_\_\_ Single High School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Multiple High Schools \_\_\_\_\_

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**YOUTH EXCHANGE**

\_\_\_\_\_ Inbound

\_\_\_\_\_ Outbound

\_\_\_\_\_ Host Events for District

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Members who Host

ROTARACT – Identify Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Nominated Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_ Outbound Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Inbound Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

**PEACE SCHOLAR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Nominated Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_ Outbound Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sponsored Outbound Candidate

\_\_\_\_\_ Hosted Inbound Candidate

**OTHER CONNECTIONS WITH STUDENTS**

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships

\_\_\_\_\_ Student of the Month

\_\_\_\_\_ Academic Bowl

\_\_\_\_\_ Fishing Derby

\_\_\_\_\_ Literacy Events

\_\_\_\_\_ Others (identify and describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

DG Patricia Burch, 1040 Turkington Terrace, Rochelle, IL 61068

**This is The Governor's Special Recognition Award and will have the \$500 (1st place), \$300 (2nd place) and \$200 (3rd place) financial incentive for my year.**

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## Here is a note from Brad Butterfield our next Outbound Ambassadorial Scholar Going to Hong Kong

Greetings

Just this past weekend I traveled to Kansas City, Missouri for my Ambassadorial Scholar Outbound Orientation. The full title of the gathering was as follows:

7th Annual Mid-America Regional Rotary Outbound Scholar Orientation Seminar

I flew into KC early Friday and left early on Sunday. I must say that it was an extremely rewarding experience that I think should be mandatory for all outbound scholars to attend. It really served as a welcome to all the attending outbound scholars into what the speakers referred to as "The Rotary Family." The coordinators had the proceedings planned very well, and the material delivered was useful.

The keynote speakers were all Rotarians who were given the chance to speak about their unique opportunities as former Ambassadorial Scholars. Other sections of the seminar were dedicated to questions any of the outbound scholars may have had up to that point. Detailed information regarding many of Rotary International's various projects was also given.

During the day on Saturday, the students were all required to practice giving a 5-minute presentation without the aid of a slideshow that was an introduction and statement of purpose for the scholarship. This was a chance to see what it would be like to present in front of a Rotary audience. I found this to be very helpful; I learned from the experience important things that I will need to work on for future presentations at clubs in the United States and abroad.

Overall, the conference was a precursor to all the positive experiences I will be a part of as a scholar of this great, international organization. I had a chance to be inspired by other outbound scholars and hopefully did the same for them in the meantime.

I shall soon be submitting application materials to universities in Hong Kong and developing more detailed plans for the my August or September departure. If possible I would much appreciate an update of recent goings-on at the Loves Park Rotary Club. I have been checking the website but would like a more personal summary. I hope to talk to you soon.

"Service Above Self"

Bradley R. Butterfield

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### Long Term Youth Exchange training

On Saturday, March 10, 2007, District Chairman Long Term Youth Exchange David Smith and Inbound Coordinator Rudolf Sterkel thanked the Rock Falls Police Department for their many years of support to our Youth Exchange Program. Every year, the Police Department is giving the Inbound Students a tour of the police department, the jail and their K-9 program. Here, the students also receive updated information about legal issue around alcohol use( students are legally allowed to drink alcohol in their home countries), drug abuse and other legal matters. The support of the dedicated officers given to our program is priceless. To honor this service, a plaque was given to this year's officers with all Rotarans present (including Governor Pat) Inbounds, Outbounds and Outbound parents cheering.



Article supplied by: Rudolf M. Sterkel, Inbound Coordinator  
District 6420 Rotary Youth Exchange Program

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### The NID Group picture in India

This is what Rotary is all about, and why I am so proud to be part of this international organization. Most days, we don't even realize how Rotarians are touching lives all over the world. The 4 of us from Sterling were hosted by this club in Chandigarh, who have apparently offered 20 free open heart surgeries to children in Pakistan. The work the Rotarians are doing in Costa Rica and India never fails to leave me awestruck. Please pray as requested for the first 6 children at the bottom of the list who have arrived to receive their life-saving surgeries.



Dana McCoy

(Please read on to the next page)

## More about Dana's NID trip to India

My friend Navjit, Sat Sri Akal!

I am continually humbled by the power of Rotary to emphasize our common humanity rather than our arbitrary differences. What parent cannot look into the eyes of any child and not see his or her own childhood, his or her own child, gazing innocently back in return. It matters not that the child is Indian, Pakistani, Nigerian, Swedish, Alaskan or whatever. They are all our children, the inheritors of the world we leave them. Through our children and our mutual respect for both our similarities and differences, international understanding and world peace is an achievable ideal. It's leaders like you that make these wonderful things happen.

Leading the way is not simply in pointing the way and telling others where to go. It's taking steps in a positive direction and encouraging others to follow. Clearly, you and the RC of Chandigarh are doing that.

To have met you, been a guest in your community and to have been hosted by the wonderful home club of Past President Saboo has been an honor.

Not only to the children of Pakistan, your collective leadership is a gift to us all.  
Warm regards, Jon Deisher, Anchorage, Alaska

As all of you know that Rotary District 3080 Chandigarh India offered us for 20 children open heart surgeries free of cost. In this regard 6 children from Pakistan have reached today in Fortis Hospital Mohali (Chandigarh) / India.

Your appreciation is always very encouraging for me. I have not done anything extra ordinary. Being a true Rotarian I am always on the look out to put in my humble efforts and Lead the way a helping hand to the destitute. In doing so I always remember that I joined Rotary to give and not to take. I can say with conviction that if such feelings nourish at the core of one's heart Almighty Allah always chooses him for accomplishing the noble cause.

It is very generous of PRIP Raja .K.Saboo and the Rotarians of Rotary club chandigarh District 3080 Chandigarh to have offered Gift of Life for 20 children free of cost. it certainly augers well to bring nationals of Pakistan and India closer. I on my own behalf and on behalf of Rotarians of District 3270 pakistan and Afganistan are highly thankful to all the Rotarians on both sides of the divide who have shown affection and love to these children and thier parents and have devoted their time and money for this noble cause.

The names of the following children who have reached to the Fortis Hospital Chandigarh.

- 1;-Muhammad Nawaz Channo age 9 year from Larkana, Sind
- 2:- Umair Taji age 6 year old from Lahore, Punjab
- 3;-Farhana age 14 year old from Tando Muhammad Khan ,Sind
- 4:-Kaberuddin age 8 year old from Nawabshah, Sind
- 5:-Ghulam Sarwar age 2 year old from Dulat Pur ,Sind
- 6;-Khalilan age 6 year old from Bandi, Sind

I am thankful to President Rtn:Vinod Kr Arora and the members of Rotary Club Amritsar -South punjab District 3070 were received these children and their parents from Bus at Amristar Bus stop.They all giving their love and affection to these children and their parents.Rtn:Vinod Kr Arora arranged a mini bus for them to Fortis hospital Mohali Chandigarh from Amritsar.

I appeal to all the addressees of this e-mail to remember these children in your prayers for their successful heart surgeries and safe return to their native land with their parents with GIFT OF LIFE from the District 3080.

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## ROCKY MOUNTAIN RENDEZVOUS

Saddle up ROTARIANS! The ROTARY International Convention is just over the hill.

Club Presidents, "Lead the Way", round up your members and remind them of this very special ROTARY event. The official dates are 17 thru 20 June 2007.

It is NOT too late to get reservations in for the Conference in Salt Lake. The Convention, special planned events and of course, the transportation, and housing web sites are all still open to assist you in making your last minute reservations and/or changes.

Governor Pat ([roysters@rochelle.net](mailto:roysters@rochelle.net)) wants all ROTARIANS who are joining her in Salt Lake to drop her an email telling of the dates you will be there, where you will be staying, what plenary sessions, special events, and of course, will you be attending the Zone 27, 28, 31, and 32 "Great Northland Breakfast" Sunday morning. Check with Governor Pat, she may have some tickets.

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The websites for every thing you will need to be a part of this ROTARY International Rocky Mountain Rendezvous are as follows (click on, or copy and paste):

Conference Home Page: <http://rihost2007slc.com>

Conference Reservations: <http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2007>

Hotel Reservations: <http://www.visitsaltlake.com/r/rotary/>

**See you in Salt Lake!!**

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### **Pecatonica Rotary Club Joins forces with others to make a difference**

In May 2006 the Pecatonica Rotary Club received a request for assistance from Charlotte Giuffre, a Peace Corp Volunteer. The request was for assistance in building a small building for a preschool/community center. The Pecatonica Club accepted the challenge and the result is a realization of that challenge with the generous support of Rotary Clubs and individuals. The employees and Board of Education of Pecatonica school district made a significant start up contribution in honor of the retirement of interim school superintendent Chuck Norland. The building has been constructed, is now being equipped and furnished, and community service groups are being organized in the village. The installation of a solar panel has been planned to allow for the charging of satellite phones. Any revenues generated for satellite phone charging will go for maintenance of the new facility.

The Pecatonica Rotary Club, The Freeport Sunrise Rotary Club, The Rotary Club of South Madison (Madison, WI), along with the Maseru Rotary Club, Lesotho, Africa have helped make this happen. A small, remote village now has a building to house a preschool and community events though there is no electricity or plumbing. The building is of concrete block with regular windows and doors.

Hats off to the hard work and generosity of Rotary and the Pecatonica Club for taking the lead - they make a difference.

I will be visiting the village in April 2007.

Chuck Norland, Pecatonica Rotary Club

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### **Announcements**



#### **Our Insurance carrier has changed explained by this note from Rotary International:**

**Effective 1 March 2007**, Rotary International will have a new insurance broker, Lockton Companies, handling certificate of insurance issues and insurance questions for the U.S. Rotary Club and District General Liability Program. Lockton can be contacted Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (CST) at the following: **Phone:** (800) 921-3172 **Email:** [rotary@lockton.com](mailto:rotary@lockton.com) **Fax:** (312) 681-6769

**Certificates of Insurance:** The process for creating a certificate of insurance will be changing slightly. Updated instructions can be found on Rotary's Insurance webpage at:

<http://www.rotary.org/support/insurance/index.html>

**Please note:** The change in insurance brokers does not affect the insurance coverage for your U.S. Club or District.

All certificates of insurance issued by our previous insurance broker, Aon, prior to 1 March 2007 will remain valid.

This notice will also be posted to Rotary's Insurance webpage: <http://www.rotary.org/support/insurance/index.html>

Thank you for passing this information along.

Sincerely, *Scott Meise*, Risk Management Analyst

Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave 11SE, Evanston, IL 60201, 847.424.5245 ph, 847.556.2147 fx

#### **More changes in the directory**

The Sandwich Rotary club is now meet at: Branda's Basket, 9 North Main Street, Sandwich.

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

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### **Good Deed**

It is the time of year when stories of caring between man and humanity are important..... I truly love this story and it will surely bring a tear to your eye! I know it did mine.

In 1986, Mkele Mbembe was on holiday in Kenya after graduating from Northwestern University. On a hike through the bush, he came across a young bull elephant standing with one leg raised in the air.

The elephant seemed distressed, so Mbembe approached it very carefully. He got down on one knee and inspected the elephant's foot, and found a large piece of wood deeply embedded in it. As carefully and as gently as he could, Mbembe worked the wood out with his hunting knife, after which the elephant gingerly put down its foot.

The elephant turned to face the man, and with a rather curious look on its face, stared at him intensely for several moments. Mbembe stood frozen, thinking of nothing else but the great size of the beast and maybe being trampled.

Eventually the elephant trumpeted loudly, turned, and walked away. Mbembe never forgot that elephant or the events of that day.

Twenty years later, Mbemb was walking through the Chicago Zoo with his teenaged son. As they approached the elephant enclosure, one of the creatures turned and walked over to near where Mbembe and his son Tapu were standing. The large bull elephant stared at Mbembe, lifted its front foot off the ground, then put it down. The elephant did that several times then trumpeted loudly, all the while staring at the man. Remembering the encounter in 1986, Mbembe couldn't help wondering if this was the same elephant. Mbembe summoned up his courage, climbed over the railing and made his way into the enclosure. He walked right up to the elephant and stared back in wonder.

The elephant trumpeted again, wrapped its trunk around one of Mbembe's legs and slammed him against the railing, killing him instantly.

Probably wasn't the same elephant.

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### Getting older

--- These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, "For fast relief."

--- I've tried to find a suitable exercise video for women my age, but they haven't made one called "Buns of Putty."

--- Don't think of it as getting hot Flashes. Think of it as your inner child playing with matches.

--- Don't let aging get you down. It's too hard to get back up!

--- Remember: You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.

--- My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

--- Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

--- I've still got it, but nobody wants to see it.

--- I'm getting into swing dancing. Not on purpose. Some parts of my body are just prone to swinging.

--- It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffeemaker.

--- Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

--- The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

--- I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees. Fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

--- I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

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### Share Your Programs

The La Salle Club had a great speaker at our meeting today (hosted by Rotarian Chris Vaske), and the speaker said he would be happy to speak to as many other clubs as would like to have him. The speaker is Stephen Dancey-he is a retired IL State Trooper who is a devoted historian and Curator of the Mendota Museum and Historical Society. He is the foremost scholar on Wild Bill Hickok (who grew up in present day Troy Grove, which is a few miles outside the City of La Salle). His talk about Wild Bill was fascinating, and he has a host of related historical talks to give, including the Illinois Valley's deep involvement with smuggling escaped slaves in the Underground Railroad. Dancey is also creating a Wild Bill statue for the City of Mendota, where Hickok stayed for several weeks to recuperate from a stab wound after he had become a legend. Add this to your list of fantastic speakers- I am fairly sure our Club will ask him back to do other topics. Alissa Gearhart, La Salle Rotary club

Each year the La Salle Rotary hosts a "Radiothon" to raise money for our local school for severely impaired students. The school is called "Lighted Way". La Salle Rotary has done this fund raiser for many years, but the last two years we have really put some effort into the task. Three years ago we raised about \$4,000. Two years ago we went to \$11,000. Last year we went to \$18,000. Our goal this year is \$20,000. This year the Radiothon will be held on March 18, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Stage 212 building in La Salle. It will be broadcast on a local radio station WLPO at 1220 AM. Each Rotarian has been asked to gather pledges of at least \$100 each. Other Rotary Clubs in the surrounding area where students also come from are being asked to help solicit funds. Call in pledges will be taken by a group of community "VIPs" during the radiothon. Local performers will present entertainment throughout the program. Everyone is welcome to attend at no charge.

Here is the interesting part. None of the local clubs has an official Interact Club. (Key Club beat us.) But each club hosts visiting students to our Rotary meetings each month. We call them our **Student Rotarians** and they accept this role. They help in various projects throughout the year. They were asked if they could help us raise some money in their schools for the Radiothon. The students from St. Bede Academy are having a fish fry to help us. See the attached copy of their poster. Students from La Salle-Peru H.S. are having bake sales etc. to help. They are not as organized as St. Bede since I forgot to meet with them soon enough. I think this says a lot for the caliber of students attracted by Rotary and attests to our relationship with them. We feel this bodes well for the future. Anyone interested in a fish dinner is welcome. Contact me and I'll give directions.

Dick Graff, La Salle Rotary Club

Send your news letter articles 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)