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District Governor
Patricia Burch



District 6420 Newsletter



July Edition

District 6420 Rotarians:

A new Rotary year is here! PDG Anita has fulfilled our District Goals in Membership and Foundation. Now it is up to all of us to carry on and CPR (Continually Promoting Rotary). Thank you Rock Island for that very appropriate acronym.

In July the District Literacy and Public Relations Committees met to put together criteria for our club challenges in newsletters, web sites, and literacy. Another club challenge that I am adding is recognition of clubs actively participating in Youth Activities. Details will be distributed at the District Seminars on August 17.

The GSE team has returned from a successful trip to Germany and guess what, it is time to start recruiting team leader applicants and team members for the team that will travel to southern Germany. Please start searching your club members and communities for young professionals who would be interested in a six week adventure serving as ambassadors of Rotary and gaining professional experience on a worldwide perspective.

July 14 - 16 PDG Anita and I traveled to Grand Rapids, Michigan joining Dave and Betty Smith, Rudy Sterkel, many other youth exchange officers and youth exchange families, 1,400 to be more precise. Students included inbounds, outbounds, rebounds, and yo yos. If you don't know what these terms are, please ask me as I visit your club. I wish I could bottle the enthusiasm that we experienced over the weekend. We had host families who were asking us if they could get involved in Rotary? (NEW MEMBERS) We had families of outbound students asking us if they could now host inbound students. Clubs, if you have ever thought about getting involved in district youth activities, this is definitely the time.

Clubs, keep those Planning Guides for Effective Rotary Clubs coming to your AGs so they can get them to me before my visit. Please keep the newsletters coming to me at royst@rochelle.net, fax, or mail it. It is the only way, I can regularly hear what you are doing and share the creative ideas.

District Seminars for Literacy, Foundation, Membership, and Public Relations are scheduled for August 17 at Deer Valley Country Club. By now, presidents you should have received the emailed registration form. Please plan to send a representative for each area, carpool and get a jump start on having the greatest year ever. Visit the district web site on a regular basis for more district activity details.

Yours in Rotary Service,

District Governor Pat Burch

To succeed, team members need to CARE:

- Compromise - make concessions
- Apologize - when you make a mistake
- Recognize - that we all make mistakes
- Empathize - relate to others' feelings

FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS RE-CAP OF THE 2005-2006 YEAR

To set and strive for a mighty goal is the mark of true commitment. As a District we more than doubled our per capita giving from \$36 to \$76 in one year. We have made great progress in reaching Rotary International's dream of \$100 per capita in "Every Rotarian Every Year." A rigorous goal of \$180,561 was set by the 50 clubs in our District for Annual Giving to support Humanitarian Grants, District Simplified Grants, Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange and other Foundation programs.

We achieved 97.13% of this goal with \$175,387 recorded by June 30, 2006. In addition our District giving to Polio Plus stood at \$38,121 for a grand total of \$213,508 for those two campaigns. 26 of our clubs surpassed their goal. They are:

Belvidere	Loves Park	Rochelle
Dixon	Morrison	Rock Falls
East Moline/Silvis	Oregon	Rockford East/Cherry Valley
Erie	Ottawa Sunrise	Rockford
Freeport Sunrise	Pecatonica	Sandwich
Henry	Peru	Sycamore
Illinois Valley Sunrise	Plano	Toluca
LaSalle	Quad Cities	Wenona
Lacon	River Cities/Rapid C/Pt. Byron	

The following clubs are in the upper quartile for Total Annual Giving:

Club	Members	Total	% of Goal	Club	Members	Total	% of Goal
1. Rockford	229	\$28,878	116%	7. East Moline/Silvis	114	\$6150	123%
2. Loves Park	45	\$22,722	494%	8. Rockford East/CV	48	\$5485	183%
3. Rochelle	78	\$11,177	127%	9. Oregon	51	\$4975	154%
4. Rock Island	94	\$10,950	73%	10. Dixon	81	\$4720	118%
5. Moline	175	\$9,875	56%	11. Belvidere	53	\$4580	104%
6. Sycamore	71	\$8,775	122%	12. Sterling	59	\$4105	62%

Every club in the District participated in Annual Giving. Each club's contributions are important to the success and strength of our programs.

The following clubs are in the upper quartile for Per Capita Giving:

Club	Members	Per Capita Giving	Club	Members	Per Capita Giving
1. Loves Park	45	\$504.93	7. Rock Island	94	\$116.49
2. Rock Falls	24	\$152.40	8. Rockford East/CV	48	\$114.27
3. Rochelle	78	\$143.30	9. Sandwich	18	\$111.28
4. Quad Cities	17	\$132.35	10. Ottawa Sunrise	19	\$100.50
5. Rockford	229	\$126.10	11. Freeport Sunrise	18	\$100.28
6. Sycamore	71	\$123.59	12. Oregon	51	\$97.55

Thank you to our Annual Giving Chair John Goddard of the Rockford Rotary, the club Foundation Chairs, and each Rotarian for all their efforts in making this a fantastic year in the Annual Giving area.

The following clubs are in the upper quartile for Polio Plus Giving:

Club	Members	Polio Giving	Club	Members	Polio Giving
1. Rock Island	94	\$8,350	7. Twin Cities	35	\$736
2. Moline	175	\$6,745	8. Kishwaukee Sunrise	51	\$625
3. Princeton	86	\$6,720	9. Mendota	16	\$500
4. East Moline/Silvis	114	\$3,050	10. Illinois Valley Sunrise	41	\$300
5. Freeport	86	\$2,500	11. Henry	40	\$258
6. Walnut	24	\$1,475	12. Savanna	34	\$160

As your District Governor for 2005-06, I want to express my gratitude and appreciation to all of you for your commitment to Rotary's mission of World Peace and Understanding. As your new co-chair of Foundation along with PDG Don Clayberg, we encourage you to continue your commitment to "SERVICE Above Self". We are happy to assist you in any way to achieve your goals in Foundation Giving. Let us "Lead the Way" in District Governor Pat Burch's year as we strive to make a difference in the world through our literacy, water, health, hunger and Polio initiatives.

Past District Governor Anita Papich

A Combined Effort in an International Project

The Pecatonica Rotary Club has raised \$4000 and has sent the proceeds to the Rotary Club in Maseru, Lesotho and they have confirmed receipt of the funds. Wanda Saleem has been in touch with Charlotte Giuffre, the Peace Corps Volunteer. The project is set to get under way. Other clubs participating to date are Freeport Sunrise Rotary Club, Madison South Rotary Club, Freeport Rotary Club (Hasn't sent money but indicated a desire to contribute), and Denver Rotary Club.

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Welcome home get together for our GSE team

In welcoming home our GSE team from Germany the GSE District Committee and District Leadership held a get together in Sterling. Each GSE team member told a little about their experience of their trip.



The GSE team members are willing to give your club a program about their trip to Germany. The following is their names, sponsoring club and contact information for you to contact your nearest team member for a program:

Julie Lindbeck (Rock Island Rotary)
Homeless Services Coordinator
Rock Island
(H) 563 940 3329
(B) 309 793 6391 x139
jlindbeck@projectnow.org

Abigail Reese (Rockford Rotary Club)
Freelance Writer and Photographer
Galena
(C) 815 275 1090
abbie.reese@gmail.com

Timothy Ngo (Sterling Rotary Club)
E-Commerce College Text Book Distributor
Dixon/Rochelle
815 562 7414
bonsaisai@yahoo.com

Nicole Beveroth (Rock Falls Rotary Club)
High School History Teacher & Department Chair
Rock Falls
(H) 815 499 4972
(B) 815 625 3886 x102
niclouise@yahoo.com

Ronald Lee, Ph.D. (Loves Park Rotary Club)
High School Social Studies Teacher & Department Chair
Rockford
(H) 815 398 5414
(B) 815 399 8850 x203
lee.ron@insightbb.com

Chuck Bickerstaff, Team Leader (Sterling Rotary Club)
P.O. Box 41, Dixon, Illinois 61021 bick@essex1.com

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Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee Interviewed Candidates

On Saturday, July 22, 2006, District 6420 Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee met to interview three candidates applying for a 2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholarship. The three candidates were:



Felicia Feldman
From Moline
Endorsed by the Quad Cities Club



Kelsey Quinn
From Sycamore
Endorsed by the Kishwaukee Sunrise Club



Bradley Butterfield
From Loves Park
Endorsed by the Loves Park Club

Results will be published in a future newsletter.

Announcements

The LaSalle Rotary club was found playing musical places to meet and by the first of August will be meeting at the La Salle VFW on Wenzel Road on the same day and time.



More changes in the directory

1. The Belvidere Bright Horizons has a new Club Treasurer, Deb Kemp, she can be reached by e-mail: flthreads@t6wireless.com or fax: 815 544-9899
2. On page 45 Rebecca Scott only has one e-mail and in some directories it is wrong Her correct e-mail is: rebeccatdc@hotmail.com
3. On page 51 David Geil's e-mail has changed to dgeil@insightbb.com
4. On page 52 Rock Island's Treasurer has changed to: Christy Graham with an e-mail of : Christy.graham@modern-woodmen.org
5. On page 53 the Sandwich Club has a new Secretary it is: PDG Nelda Pitelka
6. The last change in this newsletter is Valley Sunrise Rotary club in no longer a club So our district now has 49 clubs, but they are the best clubs around.

Attn: Club Presidents

District 6420 needs to have a complete record of Centennial Projects. I already have a notebook with plastic sleeves 8 1/2 x 11 so what I need from each of you is a picture and a description of your project. Please try to have that ready when I visit your club. It can be both front and back. Thanks for your help in compiling this historical record for District 6420.

I did not ever think this would happen but PDG Mel Sparlin has an e-mail address it is: Sparky61103@aim.com

District Training Seminars on Literacy, Membership, Foundation and Public Relations

August 17, 2006 from 6 pm to 9 pm

At Deer Valley Country Club

Registration form can be found on the district website from the calendar page.

Register now and save the embarrassment of forgetting.

www.rotary6420.org

This is where it is Happening!!!! Check out our continually expanding district website

You can now make a Rotary meeting on the internet at www.rotaryclubone.org

July 18th, the Rock Falls Rotary club had a very successful Corn Boil fundraiser. The unofficial record of eating 30 ears of corn was recorded. I asked the person as he was leaving if he had anything to say. He turned to me and said "Oink". There was a poll taken by the participants at the fundraiser on what percentage of people ate their sweet corn horizontally or vertically and the results were: 54% said "yes" and 46% said "No".

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 20th of the month.
1108 E. 18th Street Newsletter will be out
Sterling, Illinois 61081 by the 25th
E-mail to: newlon@essex1.com

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The Oregon Rotary club's annual fundraiser

"Mark Twain Day"

Saturday, September 9th 5:30 – 9:30 pm

On the deck at the Riverside Restaurant, Oregon

Tickets are: \$30 per person

Your ticket includes.....

- Barbecue Dinner
- Beverage – Lemonade, Tea, Coffee, **Beer**
- Riverboat rides on the Pride of Oregon.
- Live Dixieland Jazz Music and dancing