



2006-2007

District Governor
Patricia Burch



District 6420 Newsletter



September Edition

Congratulations District 6420 Rotarians:

Immediate PDG Anita Papich accepted the Zone Recognition for doubling our District per capita Foundation giving 2005-06 at the Zone Institute in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. With



Ben and DG Pat Burch, DGE Eldon and Nancy Leemhuis, DGN Jim and Sherry Prather, PDG Fred and Nancy Luckenbill, PDG/Trainer Bob and Linda Newlon and District Youth Protection Officer Elise Cadigan cheering her on, I hope she accepted what will be the first of many Foundation milestones.



From PDG Anita: "I accepted the award presented by Tom Thorfinnson, Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator for Zone 27 on behalf of our District. I extend my deepest gratitude to all the Rotarians in our District who believe that we can make a difference in the lives of those in need. Your commitment to the Rotary Foundation programs is proof that "faith, hope and love" exist and that "love of your fellow man" will sustain those who hope for a life without poverty, hunger and disease. Let's work to make Foundation giving in DG Pat Burch's year another banner year in giving."

Next year District 6420 will be co-hosting Zone 27/28 Training and Institute right here in the Davenport / Quad Cities area.

September is New Generations month and new Interact Chairman Ruth Lee is off to a flying start working with Bob Swanson (Rock Island) and Larry Johnston (Quad Cities) in the preliminary stages of developing up to four new interact clubs in the area high schools. If your club has an Interact Club, contact Ruth with your high school and club contact names. Also let me know when those clubs meet, as I would like to attend a meeting and let those Interactors know how important they are in our district.

RYLA 2007 is May 4, 5 and 6, 2007 at N.I.U., Lorado Taft Campus in Oregon, Illinois. Have you contacted your high school counselors or RYLA contact to let them know the dates and that your club will be providing a scholarship or scholarships for this fantastic Leadership Development weekend.

Ben Sterkel, District 6420 Rotoract Rep, has six Kishwaukee College students signed up. Help DeKalb, Kishwaukee Sunrise, Sycamore, Oregon, and Rochelle clubs. Do you know students going to Kishwaukee College, please encourage them to get in touch with Ben Sterkel (bcs1987@comcast.net) or 815 895-6705 and get involved with Rotoract. Moline and Rockford Rotoract, please get in touch with me, royst@rochelle.net, and let me know when you are meeting so I can attend one of your meetings. Clubs with Community Colleges nearby, have you contacted them about establishing a Rotoract on their campus.

WANTED: a Rotarian who enjoys working with college age youth who would be willing to Chair the District Rotoract Committee. Goals for this year are to establish a Rotoract Club at Northern Illinois University, charter the club at Kishwaukee College and strengthen those clubs we have by hosting a district wide meeting and having a Rotoractor attend Salt Lake City next June. Please call me ASAP if you are willing to Lead the Way in getting this program better established in District 6420.

Clubs, get your newspaper notices ready to advertise for Ambassadorial Scholars who will be home for the holidays in November and December. I had an opportunity to hear Hannah Warren's presentation at Belvidere Bright Horizon. Hannah has just returned from India. What an awesome young woman. Pictures and art pieces that showcase this year long, life changing experience are available for sale with part of the proceeds being donated to the mission where Hannah spent a lot of time. Our District is truly blessed with outstanding ambassadorial students who have "Lead the Way" in sharing the Rotary message of peace and good will in India, South Africa and soon, Belfast, Ireland and Australia.

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In October District 6420 will be interviewing candidates for the GSE team traveling to District 1930 Germany (Bavarian alps area) and a Rotarian Team leader. Travel dates are April 13 to May 14, 2007. Please contact Dennis Bokemeier 815 563-4269 or bokemeier@hotmail.com to let him know you are interested in being the team leader or have an interested young professional. Tourism, education and industry are the career areas who would benefit most by this experience.

Fourteen inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students are currently being hosted in our District while another 21 are being hosted by Rotary clubs around the world. District 6420 needs more clubs willing to host inbound students. A Youth Protection training is scheduled for October 7 at Sterling Community Hospital. All YEOs, Counselors, and host family members over the age of 18 must be trained. This is about a two hour session which only needs to be done once. Please contact Dave Smith (dsmith6420@aol.com) or Rudy Sterkel (RSterkel@comcast.net) and let them know you will be there or are sending host families to this training. If your club is thinking about getting involved in Youth Exchange, please send someone to see what this program is all about. Clubs, now is the time to revitalize our Youth Exchange program by being willing to host exchange students. If you are a small club, co-host a student with another nearby club. District 6420 clubs, Lead the Way, in this peace promoting, life changing experience by hosting a youth exchange student. Let me know what your concerns are so District Leadership can address them.

Past R.I. President Stenhammar said it best at the 2005 Central States Youth gathering, If every young person were to participate in a year long exchange program, I am convinced there would be peace in the world.

District 6420 Rotarians, Are you "Leading the Way"?

District Governor Pat Burch

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FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

Wenona Rotary continues to charge ahead adding another \$400 to Annual Giving bringing their total to \$900 or 450% of goal. The same can be said for Rock Island Rotary which added another \$1800 to bring their total to \$2900 or 23% of goal. Erie Rotary reached 77% of their goal with a contribution of \$185. LaSalle Rotary made a significant contribution of \$1000 toward its goal of \$1275. They've reached the 78% mark for goal. Adding another \$610 this month Ottawa Rotary achieved 12% of their goal.

November is Foundation Month. Each club in the District should schedule a program to highlight one of the Foundation areas. Call the Chair of Ambassadorial Scholar Committee or the Chair of Group Study Exchange Committee to see if they or a committee member can make a presentation. If your club received a District Simplified Grant, ask your club representative to give a review of what was done. See if PDG Bob Newlon, Gary Matteson, Dana McCoy, Janet Vanderschaaf or Jim Moran, all members of the Rotary Volunteers Committee, can give an update of our service project in Costa Rica.

November is the month when we can make a significant contribution to "Our Rotary Foundation". Let us celebrate the season of Thanksgiving with a commitment as a sustaining member with a \$100 or more contribution for "Every Rotarian Every Year" Annual Programs Fund.

PDG Don Clayberg and PDG Anita Papich

Co-Chairs of Foundation

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Northern Illinois University Football Game & Tailgate Party

On Saturday, September 23, the Kishwaukee Sunrise Rotary club headed up by Mary Perhay invited our district Rotary clubs and the St. Charles Rotary club to enjoy a NIU tailgate (tent) party followed by the football game. There were over 100 attending this event which included Rotarians, friends and youth exchange students. A great time was had by all with NIU winning big. Go huskies!!!!



The Oregon Rotary club wins 2006 Civic/Service Organization of the Year Award

Oregon Rotary club has served Oregon and the surrounding area for over 60 years. They were established to work for the good of the community and the area where the members live and work. Each year, members of the club give countless hours and dollars to the community for "Service Above Self".

Some of the projects they have supported through the years are Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Education Projects, Milk for Students, pre-school tuition for needy children, Bid for Youth Auction sponsored by LSS, to name a few. Nationally and internationally, they have sponsored wells in Mexico and Costa Rica and Polio Plus throughout the world. The Oregon Rotary Club Foundation provides annual scholarships for local youth at the college level. At an international education level, the club sponsored three students who have been afforded study abroad in the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program.

The Angel Ball is just one of the Oregon Rotary Club's projects. It takes a minimum of 50 people working for several months to make this evening of beauty and enjoyment happen. This event has raised several hundred thousand dollars for three local charities. These charities are: The Village of Progress, The Ogle County Hospice Association and the Oregon Rotary Foundation who have used the funds to serve the people of Ogle County.

The Village of Progress, Inc. remarked: The Oregon Rotary club has been a supporter of our Village of Progress throughout our 37 years of existence. Gifts have been frequent and for a variety of programs. The Oregon Rotary club's first Angel Ball occurred in 1994 when they presented us with a check for \$4,000. The event has occurred for the past twelve years and resulted in contributions to our agency totaling \$94,950! And, this amount does not include the other smaller gifts they send us during the year.

In the 37 year history of our Village of Progress, no service organization has assisted our agency for the disabled more than the Oregon Rotary club.

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DEKALB ROTARY SERVICE PROJECT EMPHASIZES FAMILY FUN

DeKalb Rotary Club hosted their annual fishing derby at Rotary Park on Saturday, Sept. 16. Over 125 people came out with their kids, grandkids, and fishing buddies to enjoy the day. This service project was started 4 years ago when Brendon Gallagher proposed the idea, and it has grown to be a popular event in September.

This year, we had picture perfect weather with sunny skies. Anglers from DeKalb, Sycamore, Maple Park, Genoa, Steward, Cortland, St. Charles and Geneva were out to show off their skills.

The first big fish of the day was caught around 10:45 am by Christen Trevino of DeKalb. Trevino hooked a 10" large mouth bass that stood up as the biggest fish to help him win the Jr. Division (13 and under) Big Fish Contest.

The senior division proved to be more exciting. It seemed like nothing was biting at the tournament. Armando Alamia had caught an 8.25" large mouth bass that was looking to hold up as the big fish. However Ben Mommer of DeKalb was not to be denied. Around 11:45 Mommer saw his bobber sink deep in the murky depths of the Rotary Park lake. He quickly manned his fishing pole and set the hook. Slowly he reeled in his catch, mindful to take his time and not snap his line. The tip of Mommer's pole bent sharply over. He knew this was something big. He cried out to his brother Marcus (last year's jr. division winner) to bring a net. With cheers from the 30+ plus fisherman around the smaller fishing pond at Rotary Park, Mommer netted his prey.

Weighing 5.5 lbs, and measuring 25", this channel catfish was pried from the murky depths to help Mommer record the winning catch for the senior division. The fish was quickly measured and returned to his watery home...available for another fisherman to have his or her chance next year.

The winners were honored September 18 at our regular Monday night meeting with a presentation of their winning trophies and \$50 checks.



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The 2006 District 6420 Past District Governor's Reunion

Every year there is a PDG reunion at different locations with the Governor from 4 years ago as host. This year it was held at Sycamore with PDG Don Clayberg as host.

In attendance this year from L-R starting at the bottom row: PDG Stu Smith, PDG Leonard Carmichael, PDG DeWitt Osgood & PDG George Smith. In the middle row: Polly Smith, PDG Anita Papich, Betty Osgood, Shirley Roeing, Virginia Houlton, PDG Fred Houlton, PDG Nelda Pitelka, Betsy Smith & Pat Carmichael. At the top row: PDG Ray Den Adel, PDG Don Clayberg, Nancy Clayberg, PDG Richard Roeing, PDG Bob Newlon, Linda Newlon, PDG Kent Mallquist, PDG Bob Smith, PDG Fred Luckenbill, Nancy Luckenbill, & PDG George Partlo.



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We are only three months into our 2006-2007 Rotary year, but your District 6420 leadership for this year, as well as through 2009, have been trained at Rotary's Summit at the Falls. The programs offered by Rotary are endless, as are the worldwide recipients. With 1.3 billion people, nearly one-fourth of the world's population, lacking the basic necessities of clean water and a sustainable food supply, the challenge is great. The emphasis and renewed efforts to face these challenges by you, the Rotarians around the world, is always the main focus at Rotary training.

Both Rotary International and your District have selected the leadership teams for 2007-2008. Now is the time for the same to happen at club level. Now is when the clubs should take some time to plan your long range service projects and the club leadership to carry out those goals. For all District 6420 Club President's, this fall is when your club must make the decisions about your leadership for 2007-2008 and select your President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. To date I have received the names of 38 of our 49 club presidents-elect. In December, all club secretaries will receive a notice that your 2007-2008 Club President and Club Secretary names and addresses must be registered with Rotary International. Please make sure that this information is returned to Rotary International in December via mail or it can simply be done via your club secretary using www.rotary.org and clicking on Member Access.

It is up to each of us to Lead the Way and that way starts with our individual Rotary Clubs. Please insure that your goals include the millions around the world who are in need of the basic necessities of life; food, water and shelter.

DGE Eldon T. Leemhuis, 2007-2008

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September was New Generations Month celebrate by enjoying our youth exchange students.



October is Rotary Vocational Service Month

As a Rotarian driven by the ideal of service, you hold the power to affect meaningful, positive change in your community through Vocational Service. Rotarians can take the lead in providing direction in an ever-expanding world of professional choices.

What is Vocational Service? Vocational service is one of the Four Avenues of Service, which allows Rotarians to share their skills and expertise as business leaders. Vocational Service efforts play a vital role in improving the quality of life in your community for young people who need direction and expertise. Vocational Service includes: mentoring, career days, vocational scholarships and awards, business assistance, and partnering with educational institutions to assist in writing relevant curriculum for career exploration.

It is advised that Vocational Chairs in each club plan a program in October featuring Vocational Service.

International President Bill Boyd emphasized this summer in Copenhagen that Vocational Service is no longer just visiting classrooms and talking about careers. It is about becoming mentors to our young people to help them prepare for what lies ahead.

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Announcements

More changes in the directory

1. On page 49 President Chester Grabowski, 323 Prairie Lane West, Princeton, IL. 61356 Phone: 815 872-5110 e-mail: chetg@theramp.net
2. On page 49 they have a new Secretary: Tony Sorcic, 614 Bryant Circle Drive, Princeton, IL. 61356. Res. 815 872-0878 Bus. 815 875-4444 e-mail: tony.sorcic@citizens1st.com
3. The Harvard club is meeting at: Adriana's Restaurant, 703 East Diggins Street, Harvard (173 – East of Division) The directory is wrong but the District website is correct on that.



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GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD:

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

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

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You can now make a Rotary meeting on the internet at 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, and I will list them in the newsletter to give other Rotary clubs some ideas or to have that program at their meeting. If the program is area sensitive I will note that comment.

Please send me your great programs and/or speakers to me. Tell me what the program was about and the speaker with, if possible, the speakers contact information.

I also have a great number of Rotary videos on VHS or DVD for a back up program just in case at the last minute your program could not come.

Twin Cities Sunrise Rotary Club

Wine Tasting and Silent Auction

*Find and Purchase Your
Perfect Holiday Selections
Hearty Hors d'oeuvres Provided*

*Thursday, October 19, 2006
6 - 9 PM*

*Rock River Country Club
3901 Dixon Avenue - Rock Falls, IL 61071*

Advanced Purchase Ticket \$30

RSVP - 815-626-5421

PO Box 1145 - Sterling, IL 61081

*A Fundraiser to Benefit the Community Service Programs
of the Twin Cities Sunrise Rotary Club*

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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

Bumper sticker of the month – “I Have The Body Of A God -- Buddha.”

ThThTh That's all folks!