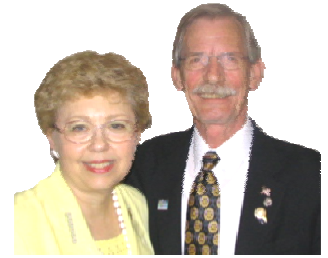




The Rotary Roundup



Make Dreams Real
AUGUST EDITION



**District Governor Jim Prather
and wife Sherry**

DISTRICT 6420 NEWSLETTER

**District 6420 started off the 2008-2009
with a great start Chartering the Rock River Valley Byron Rotary Club**

On Wednesday, July 9, 2008 was Charter night for the Rock River Valley Rotary Club in Byron. After the buffet dinner Magic Mike Winters entertained us with some magic tricks. Magic Mike is a professional Magician and a member of the Loves Park Rotary Club.

The guest speaker was Mike Johns, a Rotary International Director for Zones 27/28.



In the picture from left to right: President Elect Kelly Johnson, PDG Mike Johns, PDG Mel Sparlin, PDG Eldon Leemhuis, President Stacey Shewey, and DG Jim Prather.

Rock River Valley Rotary club was officially Chartered June 23, 2008 with 25 members. Picture below is some of the members of our new club.



The Rock River Valley Rotary club gratefully accepted the following gifts:

- U.S. Flag & Stand – D.G. Jim Prather
- Rotary Flag & Stand – River Cities Rotary club
- 4-Way Test Banner – Loves Park Rotary club
- Engraved Gavel – Savanna Rotary club
- Members Badge Box– Quad Cities Rotary club
- Oil Painting of Paul Harris – PDG Stu Smith

Cash Contributions:

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| Galena Rotary Club - \$50 | Pecatonica Rotary Club - \$180 | Rock Island Rotary Club - \$125 |
| Walnut Rotary Club - \$100 | Oregon Rotary Club - \$100 | Rochelle Rotary Club - \$100 |
| Sandwich Rotary Club - \$50 | Rockford Rotary Club - \$100 | |

The Oregon Rotary Club sponsored the Rock River Valley Rotary Club.

The Rock River Valley Rotary Club meets every Thursday at 12:00 Noon at Costa's Pizzeria & Restorante, 133 East Blackhawk Drive (Corner of Route 2 & Blackhawk Drive, in Byron, Illinois.

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FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS RE-CAP OF THE 2007-2008 YEAR

Rotarians in District 6420 understood the message of "Share Rotary". With our hearts, hands and heads, we worked in our communities on projects important to our clubs through District Simplified Grants and participated globally through contributions to the Annual Programs Fund. As a District we have set a goal of "Every Rotarian Every Year" contributing to this fund. If you as an individual have not contributed recently or ever, we need your commitment now to make a difference in our District and the world. Many individual Rotarians are giving at a level above \$100. In fact this past year we chartered a "Paul Harris Society with 20 Rotarians making the commitment of \$1000 or more to The Rotary Foundation.

This year we achieved 106% of our goal of \$161,355 by collectively contributing \$170,262 to Annual Giving. Unfortunately our per capita giving has fallen to \$75.60. However our District giving to Polio Plus increased to \$16859, but there was no Permanent Fund Giving recorded. Our grand total for all giving was \$187,121.

Twenty one clubs met or surpassed their goal. They are:

Dixon	East Moline/Silvis	Erie	Geneseo.
Illinois Valley Sunrise	Kishwaukee Sunrise	Loves Park	Marseilles
Moline	Morrison	North Winnebago	Pecatonica
Quad Cities	River Cities	Rock Island	Rockford East/Cherry Valley
Sterling	Streator	Sycamore	Twin Cities
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The following clubs are in the top quartile for Total Annual Giving:

Club	Members	Total	% of Goal	Club	Members	Total	% of Goal
1. Rockford	231	\$23,285	93%	7. Rochelle	88	\$7228	79%
2. Moline	152	\$16,672	111%	8. Princeton	76	\$6650	85%
3. Rock Island	110	\$12,115	173%	9. Galena	81	\$6513	96%
4. East Moline/Silvis	108	\$10,710	200%	10. Dixon	69	\$5970	149%
5. Sycamore	78	\$10,550	141%	11. Rockford EastCV	38	\$5050	112%
6. Loves Park	41	\$8,978	214%	12. Twin Cities	34	\$5000	147%

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

Club	Members	Per Capita Giving	Club	Members	Per Capita Giving
1. Quad Cities	19	\$230.97	7. Rock Island	110	\$110.14
2. Loves Park	41	\$218.98	8. Moline	152	\$109.68
3. Ottawa Sunrise	18	\$20 9.83	9. Rockford	231	\$100.80
4. Twin Cities	34	\$147.06	10. Rock Falls	24	\$99.23
5. Sycamore	78	\$135.26	11. River Cities	31	\$99.19
6. Rockford/CV	38	\$132.89	12. East Moline/Silvis	108	\$99.17

Every club in the District participated in Annual Giving. Each club's contribution is important to the success and strength of our Rotary programs. Thank you to our Annual Giving Chair John Goddard, the District Foundation Committee, the Club Foundation Chairs and all Rotarians for your efforts in making this a good year in Annual Giving.

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

Club	Members	Polio Giving	Club	Members	Polio Giving
1. Oregon	56	\$2700	7. Twin Cities	34	\$1172
2. Rock Island	110	\$2200	8. Rochelle	88	\$1032.50
3. Savannah	34	\$1733	9. Moline	152	\$875
4. Rockford	231	\$1400	10. Sterling	59	\$600
5. Walnut	25	\$1265	11. River Cities	31	\$300
6. Galena	81	\$1200	12. Sandwich	18	\$292

As your Foundation Chair, I want to express my appreciation to all of you for your commitment to our Ambassadorial Scholars, our Group Study Exchange Team, our District Simplified Grant Program and our Matching Grant Program. In the coming year may we continue to "Make Dreams Real" in our communities and the world by building peace and world understanding.

District Foundation Chair -PDG Anita Papich

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COW PIE BINGO - SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

Sponsored by Granville Rotary

\$10 per square - \$1,000 Grand Prize - Ten \$100 drawings

Purchase by email rserafini@mchsi.com or by phone 815-339-2302

Granville Rotary will host its annual **COW PIE BINGO** event on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008 at 1:00pm at **Boggio's Little Mountain Apple Orchard Fall Festival** -- fun for the whole family! Rotary will draw a 450-square grid on an open field and will parade Bessie the Cow (or one of her sisters) over the grid until she makes her "decision" ---declaring the **\$1,000** grand prize winner!

Squares on the grid (\$10 donation per square) are randomly assigned. We will also draw ten \$100 winners from among those donating, as Bessie continues her contemplative process ---which has lasted anywhere from 15 minutes to 4 1/2 hours! **You need NOT be present to win** -- but all are welcome to come for the fun, food, craft fair, apples and more at Boggio's Little Mountain Orchard on Rte. 71 in Granville! *All proceeds support Granville Rotary's vocational and community service projects and the Rotary Foundation.*

TO RESERVE SQUARES ON THE BINGO GRID -- email Club President Rick Serafini, rserafini@mchsi.com or call 815-339-2302 !

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Multi-Club Trivia Event hosted by La Salle Rotary on June 12, 2008.



Six area Rotary clubs from District 6420 met at the La Salle Knights of Columbus Hall for a charity trivia contest, hosted by the La Salle Club. Approximately 75 Rotarians from Granville, Mendota, Ottawa Noon, Ottawa Sunrise, Peru and La Salle Clubs attended to compete, or to root their team to victory. Each Club appointed a team captain who announced the charity for whom the Club was playing at the beginning of the contest. Each team paid \$100.00 to enter the contest, which left a prize of \$600 for the charity of the winning team's choice.

The La Salle, Peru, and I.V. Sunrise Clubs had been meeting for an annual Tri-Club trivia competition for years, but when I.V. Sunrise dropped out this year, La Salle decided to extend the offer to other area Clubs and add the charity component. La Salle also decided to change the old "Rotarians only" rule, and made the contest more family-friendly by opening the contest to Rotarians, their spouses and children. Each team was required to have at least four members, but could have as many as ten players. Teams were asked a total of eighty diverse questions in a total of eight categories by moderator Gary Gearhart, 2008-2009 President of the La Salle Rotary Club and a noted trivia buff. Following traditions from years past, some Clubs wore team hats and beads, and a great time was had by all who attended.

La Salle ultimately won the competition, giving the \$600.00 prize to the La Salle Rotary Park fund. The second place team is responsible for hosting the trivia competition next year, as all in attendance agreed the event should be repeated. Peru came in second place. We look forward to seeing this event grow to include more Clubs next year.

Submitted by: Alissa Gearhart

Your Rotary Club CAN make a big difference

Calling all clubs who would like to make a HUGE difference in the lives of Nigerian children.....



The volunteer service team that will return to Nigeria this November 7-18 will be working directly with the children in the L.E.A.Primary School of Nassarawa II, Kaduna and the Makera Model Primary School also in Kaduna.....we wish to present as many dictionaries as possible directly to the children and the teachers, as there are none in either school.

We are working collaboratively with The Dictionary Project of Charleston,S.C. which will provide the paperback dictionaries at \$1.70 each. A box of 24 is \$40.80. All monies raised for this project should be sent to our District treasurer PDG Nelda Pitelka by Sept.1.with checks made out to 'RI District 6420' showing the notation of Dictionary Project/Nigeria.This will give your club the appropriate documentation for your donation and one check from the District will be written to make the order.

The specific dictionary that we have chosen is especially well-suited for children outside the USA Following our fund-raising for this project, the Dictionary Project will contribute a significant number of additional books.....sort of a matching grant of dictionaries. We hope to take at least 500.They offered to do this because we could assure them that the children will get to keep these books. This will be the first time that this company has had dictionaries go anywhere in Africa and they are excited to contribute.

It is hoped that all supplies will be transported by a humanitarian airlift which would fly from Rockford to Kano, Nigeria in late October.....the volunteer service team members that will represent you from District 6420 include Tom and Enid Michalowski (Rockford), Dr.John Prabhakar (Rochelle), PDG Bob Newlon (Oregon) and DGE Elise Cadigan (Rockford), plus four nurses from St. Anthony's Medical Center, Rockford. Five other Rotarians from Iowa, Minnesota, Ohio and Canada will also be part of this years' team.....

Submitted by: DGE Elise Cadigan

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Granville Rotary Picnic Provides “Launch Pad” for PCHS INTERACT CLUB

Gov. Jim and Interact Committee Member Ruth Lee were on hand for a picnic hosted on July 1 by the Granville Rotary Club, for Putnam County High School students interested in forming an INTERACT 3 Club. Twenty seven students attended, and several more have expressed interest in helping to charter the new organization.

Leading up to this event, Rotary Youth co-chairs Scott Shore and Reed Wilson had met last spring with school administrators including the high school principal and interim co-superintendent Jim Bagley, a Peru Rotarian, to generate interest. They agreed to appoint a faculty advisor and meet with RYLA returnees, Becky Nielsen and Jeff Wujek, who were also enthused with the idea.

A date was set for the picnic and the students had spread the word before the school year ended, with a reminder provided to all parents at school registration just prior to the date of the picnic. PC's new Superintendent, Jay McCracken is also "on board" for the launch of the new Club, having joined Granville Rotary two weeks ago -- and holding the added honor of Interact Picnic grill chef!

Rotary President Rick Serafini, and Youth co-chair Scott Shore welcomed the large gathering of both students and Rotarians.



DG Jim, Ruth Lee and Becky Nielsen

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Special guests Rotary District Governor Jim Prather and District Interact Chairperson Ruth Lee offered some good suggestions and their personal congratulations and encouragement to the students who will be involved in "launching" the new PCHS INTERACT Club.

INTERACT is a social and service organization offering high school students new opportunities to participate in school, community and international service projects, while also developing leadership and teamwork skills. All students are eligible to join. Affiliated with Rotary International, there are currently 8,600 INTERACT Clubs in 110 countries world-wide, with a total membership of nearly 200,000 students. In addition to the benefit of such projects to those served, the students also gain personal experience by helping others. Such experience may, coincidentally, come in handy when applying for college, jobs and scholarships, now often requiring the applicant to list his or her past community service involvement.

Submitted by: Scott Shore, Granville Rotary Club

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OUR FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER (#67)

September 1, 2008

<http://www.ourfoundation.info>

And please click on the **SEPTEMBER 1, 2008** issue.

Dear Rotary Colleagues:

REDUCE CHILD MORTALITY

We have had a call to action from our RI President D. K. Lee!

Please read these relevant / important **Child Mortality** features. Pages 3 to 15

A Rotary Peace Fellow Joins Rotary. Pages 16 to 17

What to do? Overcoming **Child Mortality**. Page 19

Love is mightier than hate (a Paul Harris Message). Page 23

There are additional stories of interest about ***Our Foundation*** in this September 2008 issue.

*Dr. Edward Blender,
Editor, Our Foundation Newsletter*

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Rotarians,

District 6420 is now accepting applications for Group Study Exchange. We are looking applicants who are between the ages of 25 and 40 who are not Rotary members as well as a Rotary member to serve as team leader. This coming year's exchange is with District 4770 in Brazil.

Nancy Peltz and I are co-chairing GSE this year. We ask that you share the attached press release with your club members and provide a copy to your local media on page 8. It would also be great if you could include this on your website.

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District 6420 Ambassadorial Scholar for 2008-09 Dan Sadowski

Dan Sadowski visited his host parents and friends in Costa Rica before he departed to District 2310, Oslo, Norway to study as an Ambassadorial Scholar. While he was in Costa Rica he went to a Rotary meeting at Limon, Costa Rica, where we have been partnering with grants to help the native Indians with fresh water, literacy and now with medical supplies. In the picture is Dan with some of the Rotarians from the Limon Rotary club.



Last week Dan of La Salle, Illinois, spoke to the La Salle Rotary Club about his being selected as an Ambassadorial Scholar for Rotary District 6420. District 6420 includes about 50 Rotary clubs in northwestern Illinois. Dan was sponsored by the La Salle Rotary Club and was coached by Rotarian John Steele. Dan is a graduate of La Salle-Peru High School and Drake University where he studied Biochemistry. As an Ambassadorial Scholar he will study International Community Health at the University of Oslo in Oslo, Norway during the school year 2008-2009.



LaSalle President Dan
Gary Gearhart Sadowski

Dan presented a power point program of the presentation he will use when speaking to Rotary clubs or other organizations in Norway. This presentation included his intentions of being a representative of the USA in another nation while being an Ambassadorial Scholar, a description of his family, La Salle, the Illinois Valley area, and northwestern Illinois. He also spoke of the Chicago area which includes the worldwide headquarters of Rotary International in Evanston. He compared the sizes of the two countries, the climates, and the governments. His presentation highlighted the activities of Rotary International emphasizing PolioPlus, the activities of District 6420 emphasizing Costa Rica, and the many local activities of the La Salle Rotary Club.

La Salle Rotary members wish Dan well during his year in Norway and feel he will be a great ambassador for our district, state, and nation.

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Goofs in the District Directory

If you have a directory with a blue binding some of these goofs have been corrected.

Page 8 – line 3 change from 1993094 to 1993-94 **Page 24** – Cate Ortman will be an outbound also.

Page 32 – bottom of page put: Rock Island Rotary / Ruth Lee Rock Island High School / Court Stone

Page 33 & 70 – cross off Brad Lauman & his address and put in Lindsay Kent Lkent@rockford.edu
and add the Club President Amy Collinsworth ACollinsworth@rockford.edu

Page 34 – Add to the committee: Phil Hasz (Rochelle Rotary)

Page 37 – cross off Gregg Olson and PDG Mel Sparlin's new e-mail address is:
melvin.sparlin@comcast.net and change is on page 38 & 79 as well.

Page 51 – Deb Kemp's e-mail is: flthreads@t6wireless.com

Page 55 – Geneseo's web address is: www.rotary3068.com

Page 56 – Harvard's Treasurer is: David Beach kdbeach@sbcglobal.net

Page 57 – Illinois Valley Sunrise's web address is: www.IVSunriseRotary.org

Page 58 – Kishwaukee Sunrise's web address is: www.kishrotary.org

Page 59 – Chris Vaske's e-mail is: chris.vaske@amcore.com and Shannon's e-mail make it a small s

Page 61 – Milan Area Rotary is meeting at: AU JUS Restaurant, 1213 W. 10th Ave., Milan

Page 61 – Moline's web address is: www.molinerotary.org

Page 62 – Morrison's Treasurer is Karl Kovarik

Page 66 – Cindy Lambert lives in Oswego, IL. with an e-mail of cinlambert@msn.com

Page 66 – Cindy Tilson's e-mail is: [.org not .com](mailto:.org_not.com)

Page 67 – Quad Cities web address is www.quadcitiesrotaryil.com

Page 67 – Rick Kessler's e-mail is: cherikessler@frontiernet.net

Page 68 – Rock Falls web address is: www.rockfallsrotary.org & it is Bob **Sondgeroth** & e-mail is: bsondgeroth@whitesideroe.org

Page 69 – Rock Island’s Treasurer is: Carrie Crossen ccrossen@bhsb.com

Page 71 – Rockford East / CV’s Treasurer is: Christopher Weber christopher.weber@ms.com

Page 71 – Sandwich’s Treasurer is: Bob Paulson bpaulson@comcast.net

Page 75 – Walnut’s web address is www.rotary6420.org/walnut/Walnuthome.htm

Page 77 – **Past District Governor James Forster passed away just last week.**

I hope there is not so many next newsletter.

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Rotary Club Attendance and Membership report 2008-09

Club	07/01 Starting Membership	July %	End of month	Change
Belvidere	52	58	52	---
Belvidere Bright Horizons	14	75	14	---
DeKalb	28	--	28	---
Dixon	67	--	67	---
East Moline/Silvis	102	--	102	---
Erie	12	--	12	---
Freeport	88	--	88	---
Freeport Sunrise	17	68	17	---
Galena	81	81	81	---
Geneseo	51	65	51	---
Granville	31	75	33	+2
Harvard	14	56	14	---
Henry	38	--	38	---
Ill. Valley Sunrise	35	--	35	---
Kishwaukee Sunrise	44	--	44	---
Lacon	25	--	25	---
LaSalle	52	--	52	---
Loves Park	43	--	43	---
Marselles	20	69	21	+1
Mendota	11	75	11	---
Milan	37	--	37	---
Moline	132	83	131	-1
Morrison	50	--	50	---
Mt. Carrol	23	54	24	+1
North Winnebago Co.	15	--	15	---
Oregon	53	58	49	-4
Ottawa	78	--	78	---
Ottawa Sunrise	22	85	22	---
Pecatonica	16	60	16	---
Peru	44	67	44	---
Plano	17	56	17	---
Princeton	79	81	80	+1
Quad Cities	20	58	20	---
River Cities	31	64	31	---
Rochelle	93	60	89	-4
Rock Falls	25	--	25	---
Rock Island	98	54	98	---
Rock River Valley	25	--	25	---
Rockford	229	--	229	---
Rockford East/ CV.	38	--	38	---
Sandwich	16	73	15	-1
Savanna	30	--	30	---
Sterling	41	30	42	+1
Streator	28	--	28	---
Sycamore	74	61	75	+1
Toluca	17	--	17	---
Twin Cities	41	--	41	---
Walnut	23	--	23	---
Wenona	19	--	19	---
Total	2239		2236	-3

District 6420 Group Study Exchange Program

Sterling attorney Tim Zollinger says Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a “truly unique way of experiencing life in a different country, sharing culture and conversation on a truly personal level.” Zollinger was part of a five-person Rotary District 6420 GSE team that traveled extensively in England during February 2008.

District 6420 is again seeking applicants interested in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. In April 2009, the district will be sending a five-person team to Rotary District 4770 in Brazil. The team will participate in a number of cultural and professional activities over a four-week period designed to educate and develop new bonds and friendships.

Zollinger added, “Through the GSE experience I had the opportunity to gain a better understanding of not only English culture and people, but of myself and my own country. It was truly a life-changing adventure that impacted my life in many positive ways. “

The team will include young professionals 25-40 years of age who are not Rotary members, and a team leader who is a Rotary member. In addition to the exchange, District 6420 will provide a series of orientation sessions, as well as language training.

During the exchange, team members will stay in the homes of host Rotary members and will move to a different community every four to five days. This enables team members the opportunity to meet a wide variety of people, visit numerous communities and cultural sites and learn first-hand how colleagues in similar professions go about their jobs.

Rotary believes exchange programs build international understanding and goodwill and thus picks up most of the costs, including airfare, meals, lodging and transportation during the exchange. Team members are responsible for purchasing gifts, souvenirs and other incidentals.

Selection of the team will take place in October. Application forms are available from District 6420 GSE Co-chairs Nancy Peltz, 1504 Sunflower Dr, South Sycamore, IL, 60178, npeltz@royal-travel.com, or P. Carter Newton, P.O. Box 319, Galena, IL 61036-0319, cnewton@galgazette.com. Applications may also be downloaded from the Rotary International website. Simply search for “Rotary Group Study Exchange” on a search engine. Send your application to one of the district GSE co-chairs. Once applications are processed, an interview date and time and will be set. Application deadline is Sept. 15.

The team will be selected in late October. Training will begin in November. Departure date is scheduled for May 1 2009 and leaving Brazil on May 31. District 4770 will be sending a team to District 6420 on April 1 and returning May 1.

To learn more about Rotary International, please go to www.rotary.org. To learn more about Rotary District 6420, please go to www.rotary6420.org.