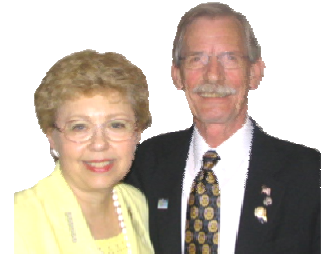


The Rotary Roundup



District Governor Jim Prather
and wife Sherry

APRIL EDITION

DISTRICT 6420 NEWSLETTER

Governor's Minute

What a wonderful Rotary Day!

This is April isn't it? 40 degrees, raining, snow, did I miss Spring? Ah, the beauty of the Mid-West. If you don't like the weather, wait till tomorrow.

We are so lucky, even lately when the seasons are so confused we have enough water to go around, the soil is fertile, and the sun gives us enough warmth to keep us warm and the crops growing. We are so lucky. We are so fortunate.

Others in this world are not so lucky. Please join me at our District Conference and learn how we can help those in this world who are not so fortunate. Our own PDG Bob, DGE Elise, and Rotarian Dana will bring us up to date on what is happening in Nigeria. DGN Ernie Montagne, District 5500 (Southern Arizona), will share with us the many successes that have provided water to over 40 different areas in Niger and Togo. Ernie's wife, Sally, will share "how tos" on successful Grant writing, and teaming with other clubs and Districts to accomplish what we alone cannot. Perhaps our International President's Representative PDG Nina, will share some details on her upcoming trip to Angola.

Sometimes I feel like a school kid, groping for the right words to get a point across. If only I hadn't slept through English Class maybe I could say in exact words how exciting, informative, relaxing, energizing, and just plain fun our District Conferences are. Fellow Rotarians, sign up now. Please Note that the registration fee is not money, it is foodstuffs for the local food bank. Register for the meals, and plan now to attend a session, a day, or better still, the weekend with our Speakers, and hundreds of our fellow District Rotarians. Share your experiences, learn from them, and together we can Make Dreams Real.

The Future of Rotary is in Our Hands. How true, how true, but at the same time it makes me think of the adage "Today is the Tomorrow I worried about Yesterday. While we dream, whether during the day or at night, of the things we want to do, our future is now. Today is the day to meet a new Rotary prospect. Today is the day to write the check for your Rotary Foundation. Today is the day to make your commitment to End Polio Now. When we Make Dreams Real today, we assure our place in the future.

Thanks to you all for your continuing support for me and this great District.

UPDATE: Mackenzie is crawling and standing now. Ask Grandma Sherry for the pictures.....

District Governor Jim Prather

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Rotary is a miniature model of a world at peace, one which might advantageously be studied by nations. Rotarians believe that the universal application of tolerance and friendliness would bring about the international peace so earnestly desired by everyone.

Radio broadcast on Rotary's 30th anniversary

District Foundation Report for April

In the first three quarters of the Rotary year , District Rotarians achieved 60% of our Annual Programs goal with a tally of \$94,492.70. In this last quarter we must still bring in approximately \$62,000 to meet a goal set collectively by the clubs at \$157,175. Fifteen of our clubs have surpassed their goal already. If the other thirty four clubs in the district met or surpassed their individual goal, then we would reach the \$173,000+ mark in giving. I encourage each Rotarian to make their contribution to The Rotary Foundation in the coming three months. I applaud the following Rotary clubs for achieving their goal:

DeKalb	Geneseo	Quad Cities	Sandwich
Dixon	Illinois Valley Sunrise	River Cities	Toluca
East Moline/Silvis	Kishwaukee Sunrise	Rock Island	Walnut
Galena	LaSalle	Rock River Valley	

I would ask that any Rotarian in these clubs who has not made a contribution to please do so to increase the per capita giving of the club. Ten of the fifteen clubs that have met their goals have a per capita giving substantially higher than our current district per capita of \$42.55. Last year as a District we recorded a per capita giving of \$76.19.

Currently eight clubs that have set a rigorous goal and are striving to meet it have a per capita giving at present of one and a quarter to double the district per capita. They are:

Loves Park	Morrison	Rochelle	Sterling
Moline	Ottawa Sunrise	Rockford East/CV	Sycamore

I'm pleased to report that eleven of our Rotary clubs have contributed \$1000 or more to the Polio Plus campaign with Rock Island Rotary leading the way with \$6200 and Moline Rotary with \$3725 in contributions. At present our district total for all clubs for Polio Plus is \$34,124.76 of a \$49,000 goal. The eleven clubs are:

DeKalb	Loves Park	Quad Cities	Rockford
East Moline/Silvis	Moline	River Cities	Savanna
Kishwaukee Sunrise	Oregon	Rock Island	

Spring always brings new life and energy with nature showering us with sunshine and flowers. Let us all work together to do the same so that we can shower the world with hope and peace. Support our Rotary Foundation with your contribution.

District Foundation Chair
PDG Anita Papich

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Hello all,

The semester is chugging along nicely. I'm looking out the window now to yet another beautiful snowfall...all the Norwegians tell me this winter has been exceptional with regards to the amount of snow, and I couldn't be happier!

My time at Nordberghjemmet, the nursing home, is also going well. I go a few times each week for a few hours each visit. I spend my time with one section of a floor consistently, so I am developing relationships with the 8 residents of that section. I have connected especially well with 4 of the residents, and we look forward to seeing each other and talking when I come for a visit. Now that I'm a bit more established in my volunteer position and comfortable with the facility and my surroundings, I'd like to get a bit creative and outgoing. I spoke with one of the nursing assistants tonight and planned a waffle and movie night for next Monday when I come. Waffles are a Norwegian favorite, especially with brown cheese (often made with goat milk) or sour cream and jam.

I began a course on topics in health policy last week. The course is offered through the master's program in health economics, policy and management at the University of Oslo and will continue to meet through the month of March. I appreciate the content of the course because it focuses a great deal on comparing various health systems in different countries. In learning about other countries' health systems I actually get a better insight into the characteristics and function of our own system in the US. I find the material especially interesting as we welcome some possible changes in the health system back home.

Please follow the following link to my blog with a few new photos posted:

Regards,

Dan

<http://dansadownskinorway.blogspot.com/>

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Friends in Rotary,

I have recently added several updates to my blog. Recent activities include: volunteering at Jimmy's Night Shelter, rowing in Lent bumps, playing in the Varsity soccer match, speaking at the Rotary Clubs of Baldock and Felixstowe Landguard, my college's springball, attending the Rotary 4 Clubs Dinner, Lent Term, and the Tough Guy Competition. It's been a busy term, but I am having lots of fun!

<http://cateortman.blogspot.com/>

Cheers,
Cate Ortman

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Exchange student Julie Choteau receives Key to City of Moline from Mayor Don Welvaert

Mayor Don really surprised our exchange student, Julie, with the Key to the City of Moline. He had her at the Council Meeting last week to show her how city government works in this country. Julie was really surprised.

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Orion Samuelson Speaks to Sycamore Rotary

A packed room at the Carls Fargo in Sycamore heard from legendary agricultural broadcaster Orion Samuelson, addressing the Sycamore Rotary Club during its 2009 Rural-Urban Day on March 18.

Over 100 Rotarians, friends and guests working in the AG field were on hand for the meeting, one of the largest turnouts in years for the Rotary Club. Samuelson appeared at the invitation of long time acquaintance and Rotary member Larry Berke.

Among the points Samuelson made to the Rotarians on hand:

- The upcoming Planting Intentions report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture may not reflect what farmers actually plan to put in their fields this year; due to market upheaval, many farmers still haven't chosen their crop for the coming season.
- The market will eventually correct itself, and it's up to farmers to be able to adapt to a changing marketplace.
- The economic stimulus package will go mainly towards the SNAP program (formerly Food Stamps), with funding also available for housing and credit.
- The ethanol industry is facing growing pains, but could see a turnaround, but many issues may interfere with alternative energy sources such as wind power, and animal rights groups are gaining some strength in opposing the animal AG industry.



Samuelson has spent merely 50 years as the Agricultural Services Director of WGN Radio in Chicago, and is also heard nationally on his syndicated National Farm Report. He has been recognized by numerous organizations in all segments of agri-business, and has traveled to 43 countries to cover agricultural production and trade.

Rural-Urban Day is an annual event of the Sycamore Rotary Club, intended to bring agricultural issues to the attention of the business and professional community.

Article from the Sycamore website: www.sycamorerotary.org



**USAID and Rotary Clubs Join to
Provide Clean Water and Improved Sanitation Worldwide**
*Collaboration merges Rotary's grassroots strength
with Agency's technical expertise*

ISTANBUL, TURKEY - March 18, 2009. - The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and Rotary International (RI) are teaming-up to save lives by bringing clean drinking water and basic sanitation to communities in the developing world. The partnership was announced today at the World Water Forum in Istanbul, Turkey, in celebration of the March 22nd observance of World Water Day.

The public-private alliance will leverage the resources of both organizations to implement sustainable, long-term water supply, sanitation and hygiene projects in three countries: Dominican Republic, Ghana and the Philippines. Other countries will follow based on the success of these pilot experiences. Alliance activities in each country will be funded jointly by USAID and Rotary International with an expected minimum of \$2 million per country in the initial phase.

USAID Acting Administrator Alonzo Fulgham noted, "The service ethic and commitment of Rotary clubs in these countries will be complemented by USAID's development expertise and technical leadership. This partnership will yield a significant, sustainable increase in water supply and sanitation coverage for the planet's poorest and most vulnerable populations."

Past RI President Bill Boyd, chair of the collaboration's steering committee, added: "We intend this joint effort to be a model for future alliances with other strategic partners and in this way to enhance our contribution to world understanding, goodwill and peace."

Worldwide more than one billion people lack access to reliable sources of safe water, and twice that many lack access to sanitary human waste disposal systems, creating an environment that allows the disease-poverty cycle to thrive. Each year more than 1.8 million people - most of them children - die of diarrhea alone. Economic development also suffers as women and girls forego education and occupations to spend hours every day fetching water for their families.

Rotary, a global humanitarian service organization, and USAID see the collaboration as an effective, resource-efficient way to contribute to the UN's Millennium Development Goals, which call for a 50 per cent reduction in the proportion of the world's population without access to safe water and basic sanitation by 2015.

For more information about USAID and other water projects, please visit: www.usaid.gov

For more information about Rotary water and sanitation projects, please visit: www.wasrag.org or contact us at: info@wasrag.org

**WASRAG: Rotarians working to improve Life and Livelihood
through the provision of Safe Water and Sanitation**



Rotary Service above Self

I'd rather be a could-be if I cannot be an are; because a could-be is a maybe who is reaching for a star.
I'd rather be a has-been than a might-have-been, by far;
for a might have-been has never been, but a has was once an are.
But isn't that the essence of what a Rotary Volunteer is all about,
telling the stories of the past and present so that we can live a life of service,
knowing that we know our way since we met those coming back from where we wish to go?

Modified from a story that was told by the comedian Milton Berle



ROTARY ATTENDANCE

Education, attendance and active participation are keys to the maintaining of an active Rotarian. The "book" requires at least 50% attendance by all Rotarians unless excused, on an approved leave of absence or the 85 rule is invoked. Former Rock Falls Rotarian Linley White changed communities and employment and could have applied for a leave of absence until settled in his new community and involved with a new Rotary Club. Instead he continued his perfect attendance making up on line via E-clubs. Below are excerpts from Linley's experience in making up via E-clubs. Make up occasionally via an E-club and share a new concept or a new program with your club.

Accessing the online club eclubone.org through the Rotary6420.org website link became my weekly adventure for most of the make ups. The routine is very simple. You go onto the e-clubone website and select two or three programs to review. Some are short videos and others are a short read. When the programs are completed, you log into a make up form page where you type in your secretary's email address, your email address, and the titles of the programs you watched or read. You are asked a couple of simple questions and hit submit at the bottom of the page. Your club secretary will receive a copy of your make up and you will also.

The programs are very diverse in their topics. I learned about the history of Rotary, water projects, testimonials from several successful club programs, personal and professional development. You are virtually guaranteed to learn at least one new idea that can help you personally or professionally.

For a total of seven months, I was able to attend a virtual meeting and maintain my relationship with the family of Rotary. I still communicate on a regular basis with the members of the Rock Falls Club, and my wife and I are very happy with our new club in Hickory Hills, Illinois. The Internet minimizes the effect of geography and provides a means where every Rotarian can maintain perfect attendance if they so desire."

Thanks Linley for sharing your experience.
PDG Fred, District Membership Chair

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Get Registered now for the 100th Rotary International Convention

Please join us in Birmingham in June 2009. We're getting ready for a superb few days.

We have the Biggest Ever House of Friendship including a canal, with a full size floating canal boat! There is so much to see and do all day.



Every evening we will entertain you with Symphonic music, a Mediaeval spectacular at a thousand year old castle and a night in Birmingham with a Royal Ballet, shows, the Treorchy male voice choir and some stunning



and varied cuisines to try.

Before you go to Birmingham why
Not take a pre-convention vacation to

France!!!

**For details contact Nancy Peltz at:
npeltz@royal-travel.com**



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The District Website now has two locations:

www.rotary6420.net

OR

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.

Rotary Magazines Serve to Get the Word Out

By Cecilia O'Brien, PR Chair, District 6420

Consider the last time you picked up your copy of *The Rotarian*. If you have not yet seen this magazine, it is easy to access as all Rotarians are able to subscribe free simply by registering on the web site. Was it over a month ago that you read *The Rotarian*, or do you remember when last you flipped the pages and found something interesting? This April being Rotary Magazine month, take a moment to review one of the cover stories in this month's edition entitled, "Planet Rotary". There are thirty two magazines world wide published with direction from the Rotary World Magazine Press. Rotary is news in dozens of languages with a true international impact.

In the words of RI President DK Lee, *The Rotarian* is, "...the opportunity to find out what other clubs are doing. Each issue, each article, is a chance to be informed and inspired". Today we possess the technology to deliver information in many ways other than the traditional hard copy mailed and delivered by the post office. Rotarians can subscribe to *Rotary Interactive* online to view stories, blogs, photos, worldwide. Younger generations embrace electronic delivery of information readily and will often pass on electronic links to those they know. For those who still like to get ink on their fingers this month are encouraged to share with others by passing on the April edition of *The Rotarian* after reading. Rotarians are encouraged to share all that is happening with their clubs within their community.

So whether it is electronic or hard copy, please use our theme of Magazine Month in April to read about Rotary and the good things going on about the world. Then take the time to share what you learn with other Rotarians and community members to spread good news and hope whenever possible. The original vision of Paul Harris was to create a magazine that was filled with the great ideas and great works of Rotarians – brought to life. We as Rotarians have an opportunity to do as Paul Harris suggested in the spirit of Magazine Month. What I do know is that wherever Rotarians are involved, good things start happening.

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District Conference April 24th-26th

It is not too early to plan on attending this year's District Conference at the I Wireless Convention Center. Special features for Friday is a Prime Rib Dinner Cruise on the Mississippi River with the River City 6 Dance Band (great group) on board the Celebration Belle Paddle Wheel Boat. Saturday is loaded with Bagpipers, UTHS Championship Brass Choir and a Superb Dinner with our International Representative as guest speakers.

District Conference Chair
Larry Johnston



6420 District Conference April 24, 25, and 26, 2009

Registration sheet on Page 12 or Register here:

http://www.quadcitiesrotaryil.org/Rotary_District_6420_Conference.html

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The District Public Relations Committee Needs YOU!!!!

We need your help!!! We're busy putting together a grant request to Rotary International for a public image/public relations campaign for our district.

This year's application is for 8 sets of full-color pop-up banners; 31.5 inches wide by 83.24 inches high. Each of the 8 sets of portable display units will include 3 banners for a total of 24 banners. Each banner will include the Rotary logo, the district website address, and feature *Humanity in Motion* materials. The first banner focuses on Youth. The second on International Service and the third covers district membership and will include a list of district clubs and the 4-way test.

The banners will rotate between district clubs in sets of 3(one each) for a variety of uses including but not limited to fairs, expos, job and youth fairs, libraries, schools, public, community and neighborhood gatherings and special events.

We Need Your Club's HELP!

There are two ways you can both participate in and support this year's District Public Relations grant application.

Show your SUPPORT: We need your club to submit a letter of **support** indicating your desire to use a set of banners for the events, projects and programs your club is involved in.

Demonstrate your COMMITMENT: There are two options for those clubs that would like to **commit** to the project. (1) Commit to the purchase of a single banner. This banner will be designed to feature **YOUR** club and could be used in conjunction with the Youth and International Service banners described above. (2) Commit to the purchase of a full set of 3 banners including a Youth and International Service banner and a banner designed to feature your club. This set of banners will be for the exclusive use of your club. For either of these options, we need your club to submit a letter of **commitment** indicating your club's desire to purchase either a single banner or a full set of 3 banners.

Our Goal

The goal of the PR Committee is to have a letter of support or a letter of commitment from each and every club in the district. Both the letters of commitment and support need to include a list of proposed uses for the banners. The list of uses will demonstrate need, level of exposure and effectiveness of the campaign. The letters of commitment will also be used as part of the in-kind matching dollars required as part of the grant application process.

<u>YOUR CLUB LETTERHEAD</u>	
MEMORANDUM	
TO:	ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
FROM:	<i>Your name and name of your club, District 6420</i>
DATE:	<i>Current Date</i>
SUBJECT:	Letter of Support for District 6420 Public Relations Grant Application
The Rotary Club of <i>insert club name</i> is pleased to support the District 6420 Public Relations grant application for a portable banner campaign. Our club intends to use the banners for the following events during the 2009/2010 Rotary year: <i>List special events and estimate number of people who might see the banners.</i> In addition, there are various public venues and businesses in which we can place the banners for periods of time. Some examples are: <i>List areas such as community centers, area libraries, businesses that involve your members that might be receptive.</i> We believe that the use of portable banners will enhance greatly the numbers of people who will become familiar with Rotary and our programs. They will support our efforts with membership recruitment and retention, and increase support of the Polio Plus effort. Thank you for your support.	

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TO:	ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
FROM:	<i>Your name and name of your club, District 6420</i>
DATE:	<i>Current Date</i>
SUBJECT:	Letter of Commitment for District 6420 Public Relations Grant Application
The Rotary Club of <i>insert club name</i> is pleased to support the District 6420 Public Relations grant application for a portable banner campaign. In addition, we are committing \$500 which is the cost of one banner. Our club intends to use the banners for the following events during the 2009/2010 Rotary year: <i>List special events and estimate number of people who might see the banners.</i> In addition, there are various public venues and businesses in which we can place the banners for periods of time. Some examples are: <i>List areas such as community centers, area libraries, businesses that involve your members that might be receptive.</i> We believe that the use of portable banners will enhance greatly the numbers of people who will become familiar with Rotary and our programs. They will support our efforts with membership recruitment and retention, and increase support of the Polio Plus effort. Thank you for your support.	

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
FROM: *Your name and name of your club, District 6420*
DATE: *Current Date*
SUBJECT: Letter of Commitment for District 6420
Public Relations Grant Application

The Rotary Club of *insert club name* is pleased to support the District 6420 Public Relations grant application for a portable banner campaign. In addition, we are committing \$1,500 which is the cost of set of three portable banners. Our club intends to use the banners for the following events during the 2009/2010 Rotary year:

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Thank you for your support.

Deadlines

The PR committee needs your letters of support and commitment on your clubs letterhead by no later than May 15, 2009.

Letters can be submitted electronically to Gail Brooks at:
gailbrooks1@hotmail.com.

For additional information or to receive a sample letter of commitment or support (also attached to this newsletter), please contact Gail Brooks at:
gailbrooks1@hotmail.com.

Article submitted by: Ruth Lee, PR Chair

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The success of Rotary over the past 20 plus years to eradicate Polio throughout the world has captured the hearts and minds of many people. Probably the most important of who is the Gates family. With their very generous gifts of \$375 million we are asked to match \$200 million of it. Remembering the amount of money Rotary has raised over the years one would think that this new challenge is one we can meet.

The statement that Rotary made many years ago that the children of the world deserve to grow up in a Polio free world is in the final stages of becoming a reality. Now it is our obligation to fulfill that promise. With the help of the Gates family, this will be easier.

There are two major parts to the eradication effort. The first is to raise the dollars needed not only for the vaccine but also to see that it is properly administered. The first part is the easiest. All that we Rotarians need to do is to open our wallets and contribute. With ideas, such as the drive that has been started in Rock Island Rotary, a modest amount of money given each quarter will help us reach the goal over three years. The second part has to do with the steps and challenges that are present in the actual administering of the vaccine. Rotarians in the countries that are still affected by Polio are contributing not only money but also the legwork needed to accomplish National Immunization Days. Many other people and organizations also are dedicated to the eradication of Polio.

In the countries that still have endemic Polio the birth rate is high. Identifying all of these children and immunizing them is more difficult than in this Country. There the NID's are the major method. Multiple NID's are needed to insure total immunization of the population. Other challenges such as terrain, myths about vaccines, tribal customs, weather, lack of clean water, and sanitation must be addressed to get the job done. So as I said we have the easy part. Let's dig deep and finish the obligation.

Thank You All,
Bud Phillis
phillisr@dishmail.net



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**Opportunities to travel to Jamaica to help implement a \$12,000 RI Matching Grant.
June 12-19, 2009**

The trip is one week and involves delivery of equipment to teach a medical course called Neonatal Resuscitation.

In addition, 2-3 days will be devoted to painting a Health Clinic in a rural area of Jamaica. Cultural activities will also be offered.

The approximate cost of each trip will be \$1,500 per person (or less if 2 people share a room.)

We have room for 8 more people June 12-19. The deadline to sign up is April 17th.

Want more information? Please contact Marcia Burke of the Loves Park Rotary Club.

marcia.burke11@comcast.net

(815) 235-8619

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COMING
APRIL 18, 2009
THE SIXTH
ANNUAL
L.I.F.E.
DUCK FLOAT
11:00 A.M. AT
NORTHLAND MALL

Sponsored by Rock Falls Rotary Club to support the
Literacy is Fun for Everyone
(LIFE) program

See a member of the LIFE committee or a Rock Falls
Rotarian to purchase a ticket to sponsor a duck for just
\$5.00

You may also call 815 625-7973 to order tickets or
stop by the Public Library or the United Way office in
Sterling to purchase tickets.

You need not be present to win.

GRAND PRIZE: \$300
SECOND PRIZE: \$200
THIRD PRIZE: \$100



It's all that it's Quacked up to be !!!

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4th Annual Cypress Mulch Sale

This year, your yard
work can help your
community.



Help Rotary help your
community.

All proceeds benefit local
volunteer programs.

A fundraiser of the
Twin Cities Sunrise Rotary Club
Questions? Contact Ron Hartz at 625-3661
or any Sunrise Rotary Member

\$3.55 per bag/ 2 cu. Ft.
40-79 bags - \$3.40 per bag
80 bags & over - \$3.10 per bag



FREE Delivery*
available with orders
of 20 or more.
** to front of residence*

Delivery Date- April 18, 2009
Mail your order form to:

Twin Cities Sunrise Rotary
c/o LCV
P.O. Box 898
Sterling, IL 61081

Order Form *(payment must accompany form - make checks payable
to Twin Cities Sunrise Rotary Club)*

Order Deadline - April 10, 2009

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number of bags: _____

Delivery or pick up: _____

Include delivery instructions on back

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The District Website now has two locations:

www.rotary6420.net

OR

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.

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

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A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: Keep off the grass!

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

No matter how you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

She was only a whisky maker, but he loved her still.

I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.

A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.

The roundest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his sized from too much pi..

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

Our GSE team is here, are you ready for 6 Brazilians?

A blonde is watching the news with her husband when the newscaster says "Two Brazilian men die in a skydiving accident."

The blonde starts crying to her husband, sobbing "That's horrible!!! So many men dying that way!"

Confused, he says, "Yes dear, it is sad, but they were skydiving, and there is always that risk involved."

After a few minutes, the blonde, still sobbing, asked, "How many is a Brazilian?"

You are on the bus when you suddenly realize ... you had a build up of gas.

The music is really loud, so you time your relief with the beat. After a couple of songs, you start to feel better as you approach your stop.

As you are leaving the bus, people are really staring you down, and that's when you remember: you've been listening to your ipod.

Samsung Electronics

Caller: 'Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I'm sorry, sir, I don't understand who you are talking about.'

Caller: 'On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I think it means the telephone plug on the wall.'

"Lead me not into temptation; I can find the way myself." – Rita Mae Brown

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2008-09 Rotary Club Attendance and Membership report

Club	07/01/08 Membership	Dec. %	Jan. %	Feb. %	March %	Change Total
Belvidere	52	58	52	69		47 -5
Belvidere Bright Horizons	14	65	60	60		12 -2
DeKalb	28	82		70		25 -3
Dixon	64	43		53		77 +13
East Moline/Silvis	98	78	74		82	96 -2
Erie	12	73	54	69	84	13 +1
Freeport	89					89 ---
Freeport Sunrise	17	80	66	80		16 -1
Galena	81	52	58			79 -2
Geneseo	51	73	70	76	74	48 -3
Granville	32	94	81	78		30 -2
Harvard	14					12 -2
Henry	34	66				36 +2
Ill. Valley Sunrise	37	58	53			36 -1
Kishwaukee Sunrise	44	79				44 ---
Lacon	23	73	72			22 -1
LaSalle	52	51	40	44	51	51 -1
Loves Park	46	80	84			44 -2
Marselles	20	72				21 +1
Mendota	11	75	75	64		11 ---
Milan	36			76	67	36 ---
Moline	130	75	75	76	84	130 ---
Morrison	49	56	66	66		52 +3
Mt. Carrol	22		57	60		25 +3
North Winnebago Co.	14	58	89	72	63	16 +2
Oregon	49	65	61	55	58	49 ---
Ottawa	72	58	54			74 +2
Ottawa Sunrise	20	86	73	88	76	22 +2
Pecatonica	16	67	77	59		20 +4
Peru	44	50	60	58	57	45 +1
Plano	19	65	68	58		20 +1
Princeton	77	82	77	79		73 -4
Quad Cities	22	59	71	63		22 ---
River Cities	31	62	61	66	66	30 -1
Rochelle	89	55	67	73		85 -4
Rock Falls	25		78	82	82	22 -3
Rock Island	97	54	61	63	58	96 -1
Rock River Valley	25	81				23 -2
Rockford	223	40	37	41		211 -12
Rockford East/ CV.	38	66	64	70		30 -8
Sandwich	17	81	88	90	83	14 -3
Savanna	33	64	64			36 +3
Sterling	60	57		60		60 ---
Streator	28	55	60	51		29 +1
Sycamore	74	67	56	54	58	74 ---
Toluca	16					17 +1
Twin Cities	41	67	68	72	63	44 +3
Walnut	24	81	72			22 -2
Wenona	18					18 ---
Total	2228					2204 -24

Note: The 7/2008 membership numbers have been updated to reflect Rotary International figures as reported by the Clubs. If there are questions Clubs should contact Fred Luckenbill, District Membership Chair at luckenbills@mchsi.com

That's all folks

Welcome new members to Rotary!!

Morrison Rotary	Ellen Smith
Moline Rotary	Rose Campbell
Moline Rotary	Colbie Anders
Plano Rotary	Adam Witek
Mt. Carrol Rotary	Christina Rios
Mt. Carrol Rotary	Lou Schau
Rockford Downtown	Andrea Gibbs
Rockford Downtown	Rebecca Pearce
Oregon Rotary	Andrew Nelson
Sycamore Rotary	Dave Hedges
Sycamore Rotary	Chip Houdek
Rock Island Rotary	Tara Blondell
Twin Cities Rotary	Krystal Claymore
Twin Cites Rotary	Terry and Judi Huseh

New Paul Harris Fellows

Princeton Rotary	Judd Lusher
Princeton Rotary	Doug Kann
Princeton Rotary	Brenda Streit
Rockford Downtown	Erna Colborn
Rockford Downtown	Michael Donnelly
Rockford Downtown	Jon Lundin
Rockford Downtown	Ben Rubendall
Rockford Downtown	Bob Ash PHF +1
Rockford Downtown	Wray Howard
Rockford Downtown	David Kase
Rockford Downtown	Dick Rundquist
Rockford Downtown	Virginia Webster
Rockford Downtown	Phil Dierstein PHF +2
Rockford Downtown	Cynthia Drollinger
Rockford Downtown	Tom Killoren
Rockford Downtown	Dick Leighton
Rockford Downtown	Reid Montgomery
Rockford Downtown	Dave Rydell
Rockford Downtown	Elise Cadigan PHF +4
Rockford Downtown	John Goddard
	PHF +5,6,&7
Moline Rotary	Joy Boruff
Moline Rotary	John Thompson +1

Rotarians who have passed

Past District Governor Bennett Litherland.

Ben was our Governor 1995-1996
Dr. Bennett "Ben" H. Litherland, 75, of Rock Island, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at Heartland Health Care Center, Moline. He was a longtime member of Rotary International, serving on the board of directors, and former president of the Rock Island Club.



District 6420 Conference Registration April 24-26, 2009

You will be registered for all sessions and meals. Hotel reservations must be made individually and paid for by you at time of check out.

Club Name: _____

Registration fee for all Rotarians is four (4) or more canned or dry food items, or \$25.00

Rotarian

please include check for meals with this registration.

Badge

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Special Needs: _____

Diet Requirements: _____

(e.g., Vegan; allergy) _____

Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Radisson, Moline, IL. To reserve a room, call the hotel at (309) 764-1000 and mention group Rotary District 6420.

Rates:

2 Queen Beds	\$91 plus tax
1 King Bed	\$106 plus tax

Guest Registration

Guest Name: _____

Guest will attend sessions

Guest will require alternate meals

Friday Lunch (4/24): \$13 x ____ = \$____.00

Friday Cruise (4/24): \$45 x ____ = \$____.00
(Friday Cruise vegetarian meal is available)

Saturday Breakfast (4/25): \$10 x ____ = \$____.00

Saturday Lunch (4/25): \$15 x ____ = \$____.00

Saturday Dinner (4/25): \$25 x ____ = \$____.00
(Saturday Dinner vegetarian meal is available)

Sunday Breakfast (4/26): \$10 x ____ = \$____.00

Total Guest Due: \$____.00

Rotarian Due: \$____.00

TOTAL DUE: \$____.00

Enclosed check (payable to *Rotary District 6420*)
Do not include lodging with your check to Rotary

Return Registration To

Mail:

Bill Abel, Registrar
355 12th Avenue
Moline, IL 61265

Deadline: April 22, 2009

Payment must accompany Rotarian and Guest registrations.