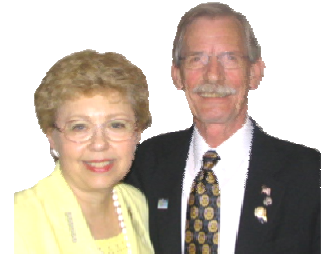




The Rotary Roundup



District Governor Jim Prather
and wife Sherry

FEBRUARY EDITION

DISTRICT 6420 NEWSLETTER

Governor's Minute

What a wonderful Rotary Day!

Our Rotary President, DK Lee had this to say in his message to all of us. "In Rotary, February is World Understanding Month – a time to focus on the importance of goodwill and understanding for peace. It is a time for all of us to pause and consider how we are pursuing Rotary's fourth Avenue of Service – International Service – because it is our international service, and our international fellowship, that will do the most to help us all build a more peaceful tomorrow."

When we talk of International Service, most envision going somewhere and drilling a well or building a school. I realize that most of us will never have the joy of participating in a "hands on" project in some Third World country. But our participation by our gifts to the Rotary Foundation does support those same projects. And speaking of International Fellowship, have you signed up for the International Conference, our one hundredth, this year in Birmingham? The exchange rate is becoming much more favorable, and where else can you be so sure of being part of the Rotary world, the world of international fellowship?!

And as a warm up, Sign Up for the District 6420 Conference. Three days of Rotary Fun, Fellowship, Entertainment, Education, did I mention Fellowship, Information, events for guests, Great Food, Recognition, and Awards, all of this in your own backyard, and, no worries about the exchange rate. Make sure you bring your spouse/significant other, new members, and don't forget prospective members. Where else can they learn so much about Rotary in such a short time than at the District Conference. Sign up for the Friday Dinner Cruise, sign up for the Literacy Breakfast. Be wowed by fellow Rotarians, Ernie and Sally, who have traveled around the world making fresh clean water a reality, during the Foundation Luncheon. Hear our International President's Representative bring President DK Lee's message. Oh, and Saturday night there will be surprise entertainment that will surely have you talking, maybe even to yourself, about it for weeks. Remember, the District Conference is for ALL Rotarians. Come, learn, enjoy, April 24, 25, 26, at the i-Wireless Center, downtown Moline. The Center has 12,000 seats, so we will have plenty of room for everyone.

Now, for some very serious news, you may have heard of the tragedy in the state of Oregon concerning Rotary Youth Exchange students. A news release concerning this tragedy is part of this Rotary Roundup. I ask each of you to pray for the victims and their families. I ask each of you to rededicate your efforts to help achieve world understanding and peace. Together we can, and must, stop this kind of behavior, in our communities and the world.

God, bless us all, and give us strength and guidance so that together, we, and the Rotarians of the world can Make Dreams Real.

District Governor Jim Prather

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District Foundation Report for January

The first half of our Rotary year is now complete with the end of 2008. December has always been an important month for Foundation as Rotarians make their end-of-the-year contributions. This year was no exception with 26 of our 49 clubs sending in a total of \$26,051 to bring our Foundation Annual Programs Giving up to \$69,523. We are at 44% of the District goal of \$157,175 set collectively by the clubs. To "Make Dreams Real", DG Jim Prather has set his own personal dream of our District achieving a per capita of \$100 per Rotarian, which translates into \$222,100. These are challenging times for all of us, but Rotarians have always risen to the challenge of assisting a world which desperately needs our help even more at this time. Loves Park Rotary achieved 96% of its goal with a contribution of \$4016 for a per capita of \$87.31 thus far. Geneseo Rotary's \$3550 contribution put its per capita at \$69.61 for 284% of goal. A \$2000 commitment brought Galena Rotary to a total of \$5040 for a per capita of \$62.22 and 74% of goal. Standing at \$60.47 and 60% of goal, Sycamore Rotary added \$1975 this month to bring their total to \$4475. Walnut Rotary surpassed their goal reaching \$70.83 per capita with a \$1300 contribution to bring their total to \$1700. East Moline/Silvis added \$800 to their total of \$5500 to reach a per capita of \$55.56 and 103% of goal. Our newest club Rock River Valley Rotary exceeded its goal with a contribution of \$110 for a per capita of \$44.

In addition to Annual Programs Giving we are making positive strides in Polio Plus Giving which stands at a total of \$17,489 thus far. DeKalb Rotary's \$1052 contribution and Moline Rotary's \$1500 addition bringing their total to \$2575 are significant. Quad Cities Rotary and River Cities Rotary each added an additional \$1000 to their totals. Erie Rotary with 12 members has made a wonderful contribution to eradicating polio with their \$507 commitment.

Let us all join together and fulfill our promise to the children of the world in eradicating polio and providing them with a better world in which to live and thrive.

*District Foundation Chair
PDG Anita Papich*

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Dear friends,

I've finally finished posting some photos and commentary from my travels with Kristie during our winter break. Please follow the link below to my blog.

My time volunteering at the nursing home has been productive. I've developed relationships with a few of the residents in the section where I'm working as well as some of the nursing staff. Two of the nursing assistants are from Spanish-speaking countries, so we enjoy trying to communicate using three languages, with the order of preference going from trying to explain in Norwegian, then clarifying a word or phrase in Spanish if necessary, and finally if all else fails a default to English. Its a fun experience.

Last weekend I attended a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar conference in London hosted by the Rotary Club of Harrow. I took the trip with Travis (a fellow Rotary scholar in Oslo) and a Rotarian named Jack from my host Rotary Club, Holmenkollen. We enjoyed a tour of the city on Saturday and the conference on Sunday. The conference had two fundamental components. The one aspect was a more practical exchange of experiences and thoughts among current scholars of how to improve our remaining time in the scholarship period and in future relationships with Rotary. The other aspect, which served as a sort of theme for the conference, focused on international humanitarian needs.

Last night I went over to Trond's house for his wife, Kirsten's, birthday party. She celebrated her 50th birthday, so the gathering was significant and many friends and family were in attendance. It was a fun evening trying to understand speeches in Norwegian and having conversations with the guests.

My total cross country ski distance has increased to 75 km. I plan to take a day trip with some friends next Saturday to the vast expanse of forest north of Oslo.

Ha det bra!

Dan

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

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District Conference April 24, 25 & 26 2009

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

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FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

As you plan your club's activities for February, remember that February is Rotary's World Understanding Month. We also celebrate the anniversary of the first Rotary meeting held on February 23, 1905, which now is designated as World Understanding and Peace Day.

The Rotary International Board asks all Rotary clubs to plan programs and undertake special activities in February to emphasize "understanding and goodwill as essential for world peace." Some suggestions might be: 1) arrange for international speakers at your meetings; 2) invite Youth Exchange students and international scholars from colleges in your area to club meetings; 3) arrange discussions on global issues; and 4) present entertainment with an international or cultural theme.

February is a great month to launch an international community service activity or make contact with a Rotary club in another country, as well as to encourage support for PolioPlus and other Rotary Foundation programs.

World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service – Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.

Article By Ruth Lee, PR Co-chair

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FROM THE PR COMMITTEE

There is a proper technique for public relations writing. News releases and other communications for the media must be written logically and succinctly with the intention of grabbing the reader's attention, convey information quickly, and invite the media to cover your story. Remember:

- Put the most important information at the beginning of the release, followed by gradually less important information. The headline and the first sentence are the two most important parts of a news release. Make sure they're compelling enough to draw in the editor or report.
- Include the five Ws in your first paragraph, ideally in the first sentence: 1) WHO (the main focus of your story, the person or group at the center of the story); 2) WHAT (the event or project with which your club is involved); 3) WHERE (the location of the event, including a street address); 4) WHEN (the time, day and date of an event, or the time period involved); and 5) WHY (the reason the event, person or project is significant to the general public).
- Subsequent paragraphs provide the details about the event or project, or describe how the person or group achieved something extraordinary.

You can communicate stories to the media by methods other than press releases, such as:

- Media alerts – time-crunched newsrooms appreciate a media alert, a more condensed version of a press release, ideal for upcoming events or reminders; just answer the 5 Ws in bullet format and send the alert to media contacts.
- Letters to the editor – the editorial page is the most-read section of the newspaper, and a letter can reach many people.
- Op-eds – An op-ed is an opinion piece written by an individual who isn't on the newspaper's staff.
- Media kits – prepare a special folder that holds general information about Rotary and your club, as well as material tailored to your special event.
- Fact sheets – fact sheets provide details about Rotary programs to ensure that journalists have accurate background information.

Very Important: Identify your local media outlets (print, radio, television) and cultivate a contact at each one. Keep feeding these individuals information about your club and its activities at least on a monthly basis. **Page 3**

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The Creator had man's welfare in mind when he gave him a hill to climb.

Message to 1928 RI Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

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Promoting Peace through our Youth

The Rock Island Intermediate Academy Peace Choir visited the Rock Island Rotary Club on January 27. The principal of the school, Mike Russell, began a Community of Peace program at the school last fall. The Academy has four values of their own:

- 1) to promote a sense of community;
- 2) instruct children in ways to promote peace;
- 3) restore the concept of peace as a value;
- 4) provide models to reinforce these values.

Article by Holly Sparkman, Rock Island Rotary



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Used Fire Department Turnout gear goes to a good cause.

Rockford firefighters Noah Norcross, left, and Todd Broge helped load up Galena Rotarian P. Carter Newton's van on Saturday, Jan. 31, With turnout gear which the Rockford Fire Department is donating to the volunteer fire department in Combarbala, Chile.'

Volunteer firefighters in Combarbala, Chile, will soon have new turnout gear thanks to the Rockford Fire Department and the Rotary Club of Galena.

During Rotary's centennial in 2004-05, the Galena club established a Twin Club relationship with the Rotary Club of Combarbala, a relationship that continues to this day. Late last fall, Combarbala Rotarians made a plea for help to the Galena club on behalf of their local volunteer fire department. The Combarbala fire department has 20 members, but doesn't have enough useable turnout gear for everyone. And, the turnout gear it does have, doesn't protect firefighters as well as the gear used in the USA.

This past December, Galena Rotarian P. Carter Newton visited Combarbala with his daughter Jane (a former Rotary exchange student). They saw first hand the great needs of the Combarbala firefighters.

Galena Rotarian Vince Toepfer made an inquiry to the Rockford Fire Department. Rockford Fire Chief Derek Bergsten found enough retired gearcoats, pants and helmetto properly suit up the Combarbala firefighters.

Jane Newton shows off one of the firefighters protective coats. You can easily tell how the lining is torn. "This was very generous of Chief Bergsten and the Rockford Fire Department," Joel Holland, Galena Rotary president said. "This turnout gear is needed by the Combarbala firefighters so they can be properly protected."

As it turns out, the Elizabeth Fire Protection District is considering a donation of retired equipment, as well. Galena Rotarian Helen Kilgore is working on this angle, as well.

The Galena Rotarians have their work cut out for them. They need to find the best way to ship the turnout gear to Combarbala. Any Rotarian with experience shipping large quantities of merchandise overseas is asked to get in touch with P. Carter Newton, carter@galgazette.com, or 815-777-0019.

Article by: P. Carter Newton



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Meet the Incoming Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil

Janice Lelis Gondim Borges – Team Leader - Business consultant



Janice Gondim is 46 years old, married to Paulo, and the mother of Natalia (18), a former exchange student to Canada, and Cecília (8). She was born and lives in Araguari, Minas Gerais. In 1981 she was an Exchange Student in Loves Park, Illinois, and in 2002 she was a GSE team member to New York, after which she became a rotarian. She was the 2006-2007 president of her sponsoring Rotary Club Araguari, and also District 4770's GSE Chairperson for four years. After working as an educator for about 30 years, decided to take the challenge and motivation to be a Business Consultant in People Management. She is also currently working for the Economic Development and Tourist Department in the City Hall of Araguari.

Through GSE, she'd like to visit companies in Business Consultancy, T&D, and People Management. She would like to visit City Halls and Economic Departments, as well as Convention Bureaus and Tourism Associations.

As an artisan, she enjoys knitting, embroidering, mosaic, art craft in general. She also enjoys reading, watching films and plays, visiting parks, and would like to attend a Catholic mass service, take part in some cultural fair or festival, and visit a railroad.

With the team, she'd like to visit Rotary's Headquarters in Evanston, and the city of Chicago.

Clever Marcio dos Anjos – Team Member - Informatic engineering

Clever Anjos is 37 years old and married to Emelinne. They have no kids.

He's sponsored by Rotary Club of Patrocínio.

He was born in Patrocínio, and lived in São Paulo for 2 years when he worked at American Express and Telecom Italia Mobile.

Now he has lived in Uberlândia, which is 250 miles south of Brasilia, the Brazilian Capital, for 2 years.

He is a SWB (Software Brasil) employee, working as IT project manager at CTBC (a local telecom company that supplies cell phones, landlines, cable TV and Internet)

He would like to visit colleges and universities, telecom or technology companies, recycling facilities.



Glauco de Sousa Ribeiro – Team Member – Architect



Sponsored by Rotary Club Araguari Sul, Glauco is 31 years old, single and a graduate in Architecture and Urbanism, with specialization in Academic Teaching. He was born and lives with his parents in Araguari, Minas Gerais, and has a sister, Larissa and a brother, Eduardo. Glauco has his own business, working with different kinds of projects, and also works for the City's Buildings Department, where he is responsible for the projects' approval and supervision of buildings. He likes to make new friends, to travel, listen to music, especially alternative and indie rock songs, and play the guitar. In Illinois, he would like to visit architecture room offices, universities, important buildings and the old town, tourist and cultural points of the cities visited.

Henrique Mundim Dos Santos – Team Member - Informatic engineering

Henrique, 36, is sponsored by Rotary Club Uberlândia Cidade Industrial, and engaged to Marília. He was born in Nova Ponte, a small city near Uberlândia, where he lives now. His parents and brothers still live in Nova Ponte.

He graduated in Computer Science in 1994. He presently works at G&M Soluções as Technology Director and as a partner. His company develops computer systems for bus services and cargo transport companies. His duties include selecting technologies, hiring the staff, financial management, projects management and programming. He wants to visit companies in these areas and universities of computer science. He also has a personal interest in ecology programs like recycling and clean energy generation. Henrique is a friendly person who likes to travel to different places, sports, in special tennis, and to spend time with his friends. He likes bars, nightclubs, exotic foods and drinking beer. He likes fishing very much.

In the USA, he would like to visit historical cities, cultural and tourist attractions, the wild life, great lakes and Chicago. In sports he wants to go to professional football, baseball and basketball games.



Leticia Ferreira dos Reis de Lima – Team Member - Employee of a bank



Leticia is 35 years old and is sponsored by Rotary Club Patrocínio Novas Gerações. She lives in Patrocínio, a region with a large coffee production area. Patrocínio is 300 miles southeast from Brasília, the capital of Brazil'. She has been married to Aguinaldo for 3 years. She graduated in Language Arts and now she's specializing in Regional Sustainable Development as she works at the most important bank in Brazil - Banco do Brasil, which just celebrated its 200th anniversary. She's a multitask employee, in charge of customers' personal bank accounts. She is also responsible for the Regional Sustainable Development Strategy and Banco do Brasil's Social Programs in her city. Leticia practices Ball Room and likes to travel a lot. She hopes to see the routine in banks, especially Banco do Brasil in Chicago, Agricultural Growers Association, and Volunteer Project to help needed families to increase their income, and Recycling Facilities.

Marcelo de Oliveira Ferreira – Team Member - Lawyer

Marcelo, 31, is from Patrocínio, sponsored by Rotary Club Patrocínio Brumado dos Pavões. He is engaged and very close to his family. He is a specialist in Business Law, and the co-owner of Furtado and Ferreira Law Company, which was established in 1950. Marcelo also holds an MBA in Management. In the social area, he takes part in the Board of Directors of the City's Business Association and works as a volunteer in the Cancer Hospital in his city.

While in District 6420, he would like to visit Grand Lodges of Freemasonry, City Halls, Law Departments and City Councils. If possible, he would like to visit a courthouse during a judgment, as well as spend a whole day in law offices and companies. If going to Chicago is possible, he would like to visit the University of Chicago – Law School, Chicago Booth Students and Cancer Research Center, and Chicago Stock Market. He has a special interest in visiting Agricultural Growers Association and Volunteer Programs related to people's increase, and Recycling facilities.



District 6420 Interact Club's Activities

The Keith School Interact Club sponsored by the Loves Park Rotary held its first major fundraiser of the 2008-09 year. The Sinnissippi Quilters of Rockford were looking for a high school volunteer group and selected the Interact Club to be the recipients of their beautiful quilt.



The club members organized a raffle to raise money to fund their international and local projects for the coming year. Patti Tumilowicz, wife of Loves Park Rotarian Kris Tumilowicz, was the lucky raffle winner. Last year the Interact Club made contributions to Shelterbox, Northwest Community Center, Hoops for Haiti, and Pennies for Peace as well as other organizations. This year they plan to fund these projects as well as others. The Interact Club will also participate in the after school tutoring program as student mentors and tutors at the Rockford Boys and Girls Club. Loves Park Rotarian Derek Papich, Director of the Boys and Girls

Club, spoke to the Interactors about the opportunity. The club enthusiastically undertook the project. Catherine Radosevich, a Keith senior, serves as president of the club this year.



February is Rotary's World Understanding Month



February is a very special month for Rotarians worldwide. On February 23, we will be celebrating the 104th anniversary of Rotary. This date is designated World Understanding & Peace Day. During February, we should undertake special activities and meetings to emphasize understanding and goodwill as essentials for world peace.

World Understanding Month is a change for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service.

Notes from the District Public Relations Committee held January 31st.

District Awards

The categories were distributed in a handout entitled the Rules and Specifications for District Contests conducted by Rotary International District 6420. Deadline for all entries to be sent to Brian Adams is March 20. The judging will occur at the next Public Relations Meeting which will follow the District Assembly at Kishwaukee College on March 28, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. All websites will be judged in the week preceding the District Assembly, namely March 20 – 27. Clubs are divided into three categories 1A for 25 members or less, 2A for 26 – 50 members, and 3A for clubs of 51 or more members.

Promotion at the District Conference

A. Publicity of the district conference events was discussed. It was decided that the Quad City area news media would be contacted to cover this event with a special invitation to attend the Youth Exchange International Flag Parade and have discussions with Rotarians who have been instrumental in the Clean Water projects, in Costa Rica and in Nigeria. Cecilia O'Brien will contact the news media, as well as radio and television for coverage.

B. This discussion led into the need for Club Public Relations Chairs to work together in a joint effort in a news media market area. DGE Elise Cadigan plans to have the Presidents-Elect bring their Treasurers, Secretaries, and Public Relations Chairs and two Board Members as a Club Team of Officers to the training. She also shared the new publications available, a brochure entitled effective Public Relations, video and audio PSAs entitled Humanity in Motion IV and V, and Rotary Video Magazine. These items are all available on RI website. The group agreed that clusters of Public Relations Chairs working together in an area would be beneficial, especially if they were to have regular meetings to plan that effort. That opportunity will be encouraged through the AGs to initiate after the idea is presented at PETS and District Assembly, to promote at District Conference, and to nurture in the training next fall at Deer Valley.

C. The District Conference Plenary Session will be delivered by Brian Adams.

D. Cecilia O'Brien and Gail Brooks will develop the display board for materials available through RI to have at District Conference.

Grants Available from RI

Public Relations Grants through RI now have a deadline of July 15 for submission. The grant our district had submitted last year was not accepted. DG Jim Prather will attempt to discover from the criteria why it was not selected, so the submission this year can address its weaknesses, if there were any. That grant had asked for \$10,000 with another 1/3 of that amount to be raised as a match in the district for the purpose of purchasing pop-up display banners to promote Rotary membership, accomplishments, and projects. Local clubs had expressed an interest in purchasing an additional banner for their own clubs that would address their local projects. This committee will meet again in June to address this grant application, so it can be submitted no later than July 1.

Review Committee Description and Purpose

A. Members reviewed the rough draft and added the need to expand opportunities using technology. With any newspapers using websites to relay information and social networking sites such as Facebook, My Space being popular communication avenues for the younger generation, technology should be considered by public relations as a source of contact to reach possible members.

B. Speakers' Bureau was discussed with Rotarians volunteering to be the speakers at Rotary meetings because of their expertise on many subjects. A form will be created to seek volunteers at the District Assembly for the Speakers' Bureau. The list of contacts with topics available will also be posted on the district website. All speaker volunteers will retain the right to say "aye" or "nay" to a request as fits into his/her schedule and geographical location.

C. Brian Adams agreed to put together a list serve of the club Public Relations Chairs after the district directory is available providing contact information. This will allow the district committee to communicate readily.

D. Monthly article in the Governor's Newsletter was discussed.

Other

DGE Elise Cadigan shared that the Rotary districts of the Chicago area and our district have been working together with the Chicago Olympic Committee to promote the Olympics to be held in Chicago in 2016. The international avenue of service of Rotary makes this a natural partnership for volunteers. The decision is to be made on October 2. Expectations are that it would bring into the area between \$70 - \$80 billion and a huge media opportunity to promote Rotary and its ideals of international friendship. This may be a "golden possibility of opportunity" for Public Relations of Rotary. (continued)

Next Meeting dates

March 28 at 1:30 p.m. after District Assembly, Kishwaukee College June 6 2009 at CGH Medical Center.

It was agreed that four meetings/year would be timely:

June for finalizing the RI Public Relations Grant Application

August for planning the District Public Relations training

January for planning the district awards

March for judging the awards

Submitted by District Secretary Betty Clementz

Note: More members are needed on this committee! If you or knows someone who would be interested in joining this committee please contact Ruth Lee at ruthlee@rjlellp.com

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May you be builders, not mere climbers. *The Rotarian, February 1916*

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CALL FOR ENTRIES -- DISTRICT 6420 AWARDS & CONTESTS

Deadline: March 20th, 2009

It's not too early to start thinking about those members in your clubs who merit recognition for their service and dedication to Rotary. We have attached a pdf file to this newsletter that contains the rules and specifications for this year's District contests. The categories are:

DISTRICT AWARDS

Any member of a District 6420 Rotary Club may nominate a candidate for these awards:

DISTRICT ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

DISTRICT CLUB OFFICER OF THE YEAR

DISTRICT NEW ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR

SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATIONS CONTESTS

Any Rotary Club in District 6420 is eligible for the following:

GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER CONTEST

DISTRICT WEBSITE CONTEST

DISTRICT LITERACY AWARDS

Any Rotary Club or Rotarian in District 6420 is eligible for the following:

CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR LITERACY
INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR LITERACY
MAJIYAGBE AWARD FOR INNOVATIVE LITERACY PROJECT
SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE IN LITERACY

The ABSOLUTE deadline for submission of nominations is March 20, 2009. The Public Relations Committee will be meeting on March 28 to review applications and select winners. Read the rules and specifications carefully. We know that each and every club in our District has members who merit recognition by the District. We encourage each club to begin working on this important project now to avoid a last minute time crunch. Set a club goal to make nominations in at least 50% of the categories. 100% is even better!

All necessary application forms available at www.rotary6420.org then go to the top of the calendar page.

SEND NOMINATIONS TO: Brian Adams, 962 Constance Lane, Sycamore, IL 60178

OR: rotary6420pr@hotmail.com

All District Awards & Public Relations Contests to be judged by the District Public Relations Committee

All District Literacy Awards & Contests to be judged by the District Literacy Committee

Winners will be announced at the 2009 District Conference

For questions:

Brian Adams (815) 895-0991 or rotary6420pr@hotmail.com

Ruth Lee (ruthlee@rjlellp.com)

Cecilia O'Brien (cobrien@mediacomcc.com)

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Family of Rotary



On January 17, 2009 Rotarian Dick and wife Micki Graff celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Peru. The surprise party was possible by their daughter getting into Dick's computer and taking all his Rotary contacts out and inviting them to the party without Dick knowing.

There was a great turn out for them with many of the LaSalle club members and District leadership present.

May we wish you two many more!!!!

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By George he did it ... 40 years of perfect attendance of Rotary!!!



Here is George opening his presents.

District 6420 Past District Governor 1980-1981 George Smith got quite a surprise when he went to the weekly Rotary meeting on this Monday night February 2, 2009. The Rock Falls Rotary club, friends, family, past Polo Rotary club members and District Leadership surprised PDG George with gifts (a lot of joke books which George likes to tell a few once in a while and books about the U.S. Marines which he is so proud to be a part of)

Here is a picture of our Past District Governors, Present Governor and a Future District Governor at the party. Some of the Past District Governors who could not make the party sent a letter of best wishes to George on his achievement.



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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 Governor's Challenge



ROTARIAN OF MERIT

SERVICE Above Self

Instructions: Complete the Governor's Challenge by completing, between July 1, 2008 and April 15, 2009, the required activities A., B., and C., and achieving at least the minimum number of activities, or more, in each of the following Rotary Club and District activities. Each **Rotarian of Merit** will receive a special pin and certificate from Governor Jim at the District Conference. As always, the Four Way Test applies. The deadline is April 15, 2009. When you achieve the required activities, send your form in to Governor Jim.

Required Activities (all three Minimum)

Completed

- A. Sponsor a **new member**
- B. Become or extend a **Paul Harris Fellowship** (\$1,000 or more).
- C. Support the End Polio Now campaign (\$66.00 or more)

Club Activities (6 activities Minimum)

Completed

- 1 **Attend six** regularly scheduled club meetings in a row.
- 2 **Wear your Rotary pin** 15 business days in a row.
- 3 Do a **makeup** at another club **within** the district.
- 4 Bring a **guest** to a Rotary meeting.
- 5 Attend a session of your club's **board meeting** (if you are not a board member).
- 6 Serve on one of your club's **standing committees** during 2008-09.
- 7 Serve as a club **officer or director** during 2008-09.
- 8 Participate in a club **Fellowship** activity.
- 9 Participate in a club **International Service** project.
- 10 Participate in a club **Community Service** project.
- 11 Participate in a club **Vocational Service** project.

District Activities (3 activities Minimum)

Completed

- 1 Attend Governor Jim's **Official Visit** to your club.
- 2 Attend the 2008 or 2009 **District Membership/Foundation Seminar**.
- 3 Attend the **Assembly/District Team Training** in 2008 or 2009
- 4 Attend the 2008 or 2009 **PETS/SETS**.
- 5 Serve on one of the District's **standing committees** during this Rotary year.
- 6 Register for and attend the 2009 **District Conference**.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St. _____ Zip Code: _____

Club: _____

eMail: _____

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After all has been said and done, this is in fact our world, our own good old world. Whether we are white, black, red, brown, or yellow, we may all well be proud of this hills and valleys, lakes and rivers, clouds and sunshine. It must be the very best world that God ever made. It is not granted us to know what other worlds are like, but what can they possibly have to compare with friendship, compassion, or mother love? **The Rotarian, February 1922**

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Some favorite sayings

Birds of a feather flock together and crap on your car.

The easiest way to find something lost is to buy a replacement.

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and fat have gotten to become to be really good friends.

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft—today it's called golf

When I'm feeling down, I like to whistle. It makes the neighbor's dog run to the end of his chain and gag himself.

"The sewer expansion project is nearing completion but City officials are holding their breath until it is officially finished."

POLITICIANS AND BABIES IN DIAPERS BOTH NEED TO BE CHANGED FREQUENTLY – FOR THE SAME REASON
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Sighted Signs

On a Taxidermist's window:

"We really know our stuff."

Sign over a Gynecologist's Office:

"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."

On a Plastic Surgeon's Office door

"Hello. Can we pick your nose?"

On an Electrician's truck:

"Let us remove your shorts."

At a Car Dealership:

"The best way to get back on your feet – miss a car payment."

I wonder?

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea, does that mean that one enjoys it?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?

What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

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Changes in the District Directory

Page 6 Betty Clementz's e-mail address has changed to: tbclementz@gmail.com

Page 40 & 68 Ray Schwartz changed his phone number from 815 562-6545 to **815 751-9500**

Page 62 The Morrison Rotary club now meets at Prairie Ridge Golf Course, 903 W. Morris Street, Morrison. (Same time & day)

Page 67 The Quad Cities Rotary club's website should be www.quadcitiesrotaryil.org instead of [.com](http://www.quadcitiesrotaryil.com)

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Let us keep our hearts strong, enthusiasm fresh, hope high. As long as we keep imbued with this spirit, Rotary can never die. *The Rotarian, August 1926*

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Pecatonica just inducted 4 new members in January!!!

2008-09 Rotary Club Attendance and Membership report

Club	07/01/08 Membership	Oct. %	Nov. %	Dec. %	Jan. %	Change Total
Belvidere	52	55	58			52 ---
Belvidere Bright Horizons	14	70	70	65	60	14 ---
DeKalb	28	63		82		27 -1
Dixon	64	31	47	43		80 +16
East Moline/Silvis	98			78	74	95 -3
Erie	12	75	72	73	54	13 +1
Freeport	89					89 ---
Freeport Sunrise	17	78	75	80		17 ---
Galena	81	65	64	52		82 +1
Geneseo	51	64	72	73	70	48 -3
Granville	32			94		35 +3
Harvard	14	50				12 -2
Henry	34	77	76	66		36 +2
Ill. Valley Sunrise	37		64			36 -1
Kishwaukee Sunrise	44	75	64	79		44 ---
Lacon	23	82	76			22 -1
LaSalle	52	58	48	51	40	47 -5
Loves Park	46	80	82	80		46 ---
Marselles	20	72				21 +1
Mendota	11	68	75	75	75	11 ---
Milan	36					36 ---
Moline	130		83	75	75	132 +2
Morrison	49	66	57			51 +2
Mt. Carrol	22	60	48			23 +1
North Winnebago Co.	14	63	67	58	89	16 +2
Oregon	49	60	62	65	61	49 ---
Ottawa	72	61	58	54		74 +2
Ottawa Sunrise	20	83	68			22 +2
Pecatonica	16	69	70	67	77	20 +4
Peru	44	58	56	50	60	45 +1
Plano	19	50	72	65		18 -1
Princeton	77	83	77	82		75 -2
Quad Cities	22	61	73	59		22 ---
River Cities	31	66	59	62	61	31 ---
Rochelle	89	72	66	55	67	85 -4
Rock Falls	25					25 ---
Rock Island	97	63	61	54	61	97 ---
Rock River Valley	31	81				23 -8
Rockford	223	36	35	40		215 -8
Rockford East/ CV.	38	57	62	66		34 -4
Sandwich	17	75	71	81		16 -1
Savanna	33		64		64	36 +3
Sterling	60	71		57		61 +1
Streator	28	58	56	55		29 +1
Sycamore	74	64	62	67	56	75 +1
Toluca	16					17 +1
Twin Cities	41	59	57	67	68	41 ---
Walnut	24	77	72	81		22 -2
Wenona	18					18 ---
Total	2234					2235 +1

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!!

Freeport Sunrise	Danielle Summers
Galena Rotary	Denton R Brown
Geneseo Rotary	Andrew Ainley
North Winnebago Co.	Dennis K. Lee (Tranfer)
LaSalle Rotary	June Freebairn
East Moline/Silvis	Gary Thompson
River Cities Rotary	Mickey VanDieren
Pecatonica Rotary	Tom Ackland
Pecatonica Rotary	Brian Law
Pecatonica Rotary	Sandi Steele
Pecatonica Rotary	Patti Wood
Oregon Rotary	Andrew Nelson
Sycamore Rotary	Jayne Braden
Moline Rotary	Nicole Cisne
Moline Rotary	R. Gene Gardner

New Paul Harris Fellows

Rochelle Rotary	Glenda Bloomingdale
Rochelle Rotary	Marianne Swanson
East Moline/Silvis	Peter Mitchell (+5)
Moline Rotary	John Thompson

Special Club Member recognitions

PDG George Smith of the Rock Falls club just celebrated 40 years of perfect attendance!!

Rotarians who need our support

Sheldon and Louise Knight.

Louise is getting treatment for a heart problem. Sheldon fell and broke several bones on his right side – hip, wrist and shoulder. Louise is quite recovered, but Sheldon had to have his hip taken out due to an infection plus will have to have it replaced. They want to thank us all who have remembered them with cards and best wishes. They appreciate it and are glad to hear from us! They aren't able to answer everyone's greetings – but they appreciate the support.

Note and or cards of support can be sent to Sheldon and Louise in care of the Monroe Manor, 516 26th Avenue, Monroe, Wisc 53566-1531. They can apparently also receive phone calls at 608-325-9141.

Betty Osgood

DeWitt reported last weekend that Betty continues to mend but that it will be a slow process.

Cards/notes/contacts still appreciated. Send them to: 102 Mattek, DeKalb, IL. 60115

Ray Den Adel

Ray Den Adel is recovering from a Diabetic Disorder (not a stroke) and is hopeful to be discharged soon so he can return to his residence at 701 Broadway Street, Pella, IA 50219. He thanks you for all the cards he has received.

Rotarians who have passed

Dr. Harry Jensen, 79, of the Sterling Noon Rotary