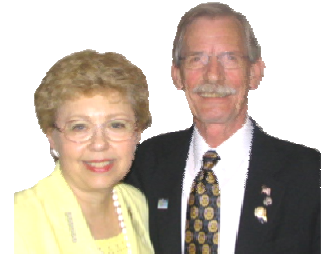


The Rotary Roundup



District Governor Jim Prather
and wife Sherry

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DISTRICT 6420 NEWSLETTER

Governor's Minute

What a beautiful Rotary Day.

Fellow Rotarians, as we prepare to celebrate the approaching holiday, let us think deeply and clearly. What does it mean to us?

Our District is in the Heartland of America. We have grown up believing that our hard work will allow us to reap the benefits. We have grown up believing that those benefits are to be shared with those less fortunate. We have grown up believing that through teamwork and sharing even the largest tasks can be accomplished. As we approach the period of thanksgiving, let us take inventory of our good fortunes, and be truly thankful that our hard work has allowed us to provide for our families. Let us not forget to thank our family members for all their wonderful support. And, at the same time, remember to share a thank you with co-workers.

Every Club in our District supports some kind of program or project that benefits their community. Our District's Rotarians understand that through teamwork, hard work, and sharing their time, talent, and treasure, we are making our communities better. We are being reminded daily of the growing numbers within our communities who are suffering from hard times, and as always, Rotarians will respond by expanding their teams, working harder, and sharing whatever they have with those who don't.

But, we must not forget the international community. For the children of Nigeria, Haiti, Costa Rica, and so many others, every day is a day to wonder, will there be water, will there be food. The simple things we take for granted, food and water, are reasons for them to rejoice and celebrate when they have either one. Although not all of us can help them with our physical time and talent, we all can help with our individual gifts to our Rotary Foundation.

Speaking of expanding our teams, we must identify, recruit, and induct new members. The more members we have, the more we can do for our communities, locally and internationally.

With each of us living the words "Service Above Self," we can "Make Dreams Real".

Sherry and I hope each of you, and your families, has a celebration of Thanksgiving that lasts year round.

District Governor Jim Prather



FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

“Make Dreams Real”

Our contributions to the Rotary Foundation do make a difference in our world for years to come ensuring that our lives are more peaceful and productive. As Rotarians we can take pride in the Humanitarian and Educational programs that our dollars fund to promote Rotary's mission of peace and goodwill throughout the world. Now more than ever our individual well-being depends upon the strength and well-being of every nation and individual on the planet not just our own. We are united as global citizens to provide for the security and survival of our planet. To that end our contributions to our Rotary Foundation both to Annual Giving and to Polio Plus are important.

As of the October 31st report from RI East Moline/Silvis is leading our District on its way to reaching a \$100 per capita level. The club is tallying \$41.41 per capita with their contribution of \$4100 to the Annual Fund. They have additionally recorded \$1082.18 in Polio Plus giving. Moline Rotary has contributed \$2100 to the Annual Fund and \$500 to Polio Plus. Rock Island Rotary recorded an additional \$600 in giving to bring their Annual Giving total to \$900 with their Polio Plus contributions standing at \$2232.18. In the northern part of the District Rockford Rotary has tallied \$2775 in Annual Giving, while Ottawa in the central part of the District has contributed \$1298. As of the October 31st report, our District has reached \$25,273.03 in Annual Giving and \$7,938.51 in Polio Plus giving. As the holiday season progresses let us be mindful of the blessings that we have and share with those who need our assistance. May you all have a blessed holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

*District Foundation Chair
PDG Anita Papich*

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Dear Rotarians,

A few days ago I read an article in the 50 Years Ago section of "The Walnut Leader", the weekly newspaper in the town where I grew up. It stated that Brent Wedding had been named a "Good Will Ambassador" by Districts 642 and 544 of Rotary International and congratulated his parents and him for receiving this coveted Rotary Scholarship. Brent had graduated from Walnut High School and then Hamilton College in Clinton NY and was going to Zurich, Switzerland to continue his technical education abroad. Upon his return Brent took his PhD in physics at the University of Illinois, graduating in 1967. I was there at the time getting a BS in electrical engineering and we lived across the street from each other. Brent then spent his career at Corning in Corning NY where he was granted 31 patents during his tenure there. He has been a member of Rotary in Corning for about 35 years. John Abbott, Past District Governor from Walnut, had encouraged Brent to apply for the scholarship at the time. In Rotary, as in life, we never know with certainty whom we touch and where that will lead but there seems to be mounting evidence supporting Rotary International Ambassadors of Goodwill as the Best of the Best both during their time abroad as well as throughout the rest of their life.

Thanks, George Bass

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Dear friends,

I just published 2 new blog posts. The first highlights my experiences on election day and the second from a day trip south of the city.

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

Dan Sadowski

Here is an update on Mary Bean, our Peace Scholar

Dear Mr. Bass,

Thanks for sending me Dan's update! It is neat to hear how things are going for him. Everything in Buenos Aires is going well. We are in the middle of the third trimester now and it's hard to believe how quickly the time is passing. This trimester I am taking a few courses that are specialized for Latin America called Conflict, Cooperation and Development in Latin America, and Social Organizations and Development in Latin America. We are also taking a course on methodology of Social Investigation to prepare us for researching our theses and Formulation and Evaluation of Projects of International Cooperation. So far, the classes have been really interesting. I am especially enjoying the class on Social Organizations and Development.

This past weekend two of the other Peace Fellows and I met up with our teacher from the Spanish class we took in February to drink mate (a traditional Argentine drink). It was great to see her again after all these months. She is a wonderful teacher and really cares about her students and how they are adapting to life in Buenos Aires.

Last night we had an Election Party with some of the other Peace Fellows and other classmates to watch as the results came in. Unfortunately with the time difference, I didn't last till the news was final! I am attaching a few photos my classmates.

The weather here in Buenos Aires is heading to the opposite end of the thermometer than what Dan is reporting (and than in Illinois too)! Things are really heating up. Just this past week the temperature has jumped to the mid 80s. It's about time!! But, it seems strange to think that it is November.

At the end of this month I will be traveling to Bariloche in the south of Argentina with two other Peace Fellows to speak with the Rotary members there. I will be sure to write to you about it when I get back!

Hope everything is going well in Illinois,
Mary



Mary with one of her friends

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Group Study Exchange to BRAZIL

The District 6420 Group Study Exchange Committee still needs your help! So, please share the following in your club newsletter, with club members, area employers and your local media. This could be an awesome opportunity for someone in your community.

The committee is facing some challenges. The issue is that just three people applied for the program: one for team leader and two for team member. The good news is that the applicant for GSE team leader is a dynamic young Rotarian who is really excited about leading our exchange with District 4770 in Brazil.

After much discussion, the committee decided to extend the application deadline until Nov. 26 and interview candidates on Saturday, Dec. 6. We are seeking an individual who would be willing to be the team leader alternate. This is important in case our team leader can't participate due to extenuating circumstances. In addition, we need additional applicants, who are non-Rotarians and between the ages of 25 and 40, for the four team member positions. It's really important to send a full GSE team to Brazil May 1.

Potential candidates can find more information on GSE by going to the Rotary International website or by getting in touch with Nancy Peltz, npeltz@royal-travel.com or P. Carter Newton, cnewton@galgazette.com

PCHS INTERACT – 57 CHARTER MEMBERS !

Granville Rotary's sponsorship of Putnam County High School's INTERACT CHARTER NIGHT on November 13 was a true cause for celebration!! With a crowd of over 130 Rotarians & spouses, INTERACT members and parents, the INTERACT Board had the perfect audience to describe the *FOUR* projects they have already accomplished, District Gov. **JIM PRATHER** was on hand to present the RI Charter, District INTERACT Chair **PAT BURCH** presented their Club Banner donated by the District, **Granville Rotary Interact Chairman SCOTT SHORE** presented a Charter Plaque that will hang in the High School foyer. CONGRATS AND BEST WISHES, PCHS INTERACT CLUB !



Rotarian BRAD ACUNCUIS presented the Interact Club with TWO donations of \$50!



DG Jim Prather, Club President Becky Nielsen and Interact Chair Pat Burch.

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Exchange Students Sail on Lake Michigan



Saturday, September 20th was a perfect day for the Annual Exchange Student Sail sponsored by the Chicago Fleet of the Yachting Rotarians Fellowship along with generous support and hosting from Chicago Columbia Yacht Club members. Twelve boats assembled at the Columbia dock beginning at around 10:30AM and volunteers began preparations for serving a "Chicago Style" hot dog luncheon to all participants. At around 11:00 the first of over 80 students began arriving with their adult team leaders and drivers. These high school seniors, who will spend a school year in the USA, came from countries throughout the world. They are staying with Rotary host families in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.

The students visited and exchanged contact information and thoroughly enjoyed their lunch, although most put Ketchup on their hot dogs. Ugh! Including students, adult guests, skippers and crew; we fed about 140 people in half an hour. At 12:45 they quickly assembled under the Rotary Banner with the Chicago skyline in the background for a group photo. Nearly every student had their own digital camera which they dumped at the feet of volunteers who recorded the moment on their cameras too. Amazingly, everyone got their own camera back.

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A Polio Case Count from Uday Pilani

| Total cases | Year-to-date 2008 | Year-to-date 2007 | Total in 2007 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Globally | 1491 | 735 | 1315 |
| - in endemic countries: | 1392 | 650 | 1208 |
| - in non-endemic countries: | 99 | 85 | 107 |

Case breakdown by country

| Country | Year-to-date 2008 | Year-to-date 2007 | Total in 2007 | Date of onset of most recent case |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| Pakistan | 101 | 17 | 32 | 30 October 2008 |
| India | 509 | 392 | 874 | 27 October 2008 |
| Togo | 1 | 0 | 0 | 23 October 2008 |
| Nigeria | 756 | 229 | 285 | 21 October 2008 |
| Ghana | 5 | 0 | 0 | 17 October 2008 |
| Afghanistan | 26 | 12 | 17 | 15 October 2008 |
| Niger | 14 | 9 | 11 | 10 October 2008 |
| Chad | 27 | 12 | 22 | 28 September 2008 |
| Angola | 26 | 8 | 8 | 21 September 2008 |
| Sudan | 9 | 1 | 1 | 20 September 2008 |
| Mali | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 August 2008 |
| CAR | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8 August 2008 |
| DRC | 4 | 36 | 41 | 5 August 2008 |
| Nepal | 5 | 0 | 5 | 27 July 2008 |
| Benin | 2 | 0 | 0 | 30 June 2008 |
| Ethiopia | 2 | 0 | 0 | 27 April 2008 |

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Erie Rotarians Ron Kimball (left) and Paul Huizenga (right) accepting the check from District Governor Jim Prather

Erie Rotary recipient of grant for warning system

The Erie Rotary club was presented a \$1,000 check from their District Governor Jim Prather of Rock Island.

The simplified grant was awarded from the Rotary Foundation to be used towards the club's community project, an outdoor emergency warning system that will cost approximately \$20,000.

Currently the club has an ongoing fundraiser to purchase an outdoor emergency warning system.

The Erie Rotary club also plan to deliver a door-to-door flyer to explain the project.

The Erie Rotarians will also be providing turkeys at the November food pantry distribution.

This article printed in the local paper and submitted by
Curt Huizenga, Erie Rotary Club.

Happy Thanksgiving From the Devlyn Family

Dear Family of Rotary:

On behalf of the entire Devlyn family, it is my sincere hope that you will take time over the Thanksgiving Holiday to share the spirit of Thanksgiving with your friends and family.

This is the one day, each year, when we can all stop for a moment and give thanks for all that we have and consider how we can give some of what we have to those less fortunate.

Even in very difficult times, Rotarians have a history of digging down deep to make life a little easier for others. Let's keep that spirit in our hearts and minds during the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. In this way, we will be greatly enriched by our service to others.

Yours in the Spirit of Rotary,



Frank J. Devlyn

Your Amiigo in Mexico City

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This is a picture of our medical supplies ready to go down to Costa Rica.

700 pounds of medical supplies to help out the people of Costa Rica consisting of:

- 150 First Aid kits for the schools.
- 6 Phillips Heartstart Defibrillators
- 1 complete set of the Jaws of Life with Hydraulic pump, Cutters, lift bags, Ram and hoses.
- 1 complete set of equipment to provide a water well that Dana McCoy's church financed.

What Religion is Your Bra?

A man walked into the ladies department of Myer's and shyly walked up to the woman behind the counter and said, I'd like to buy a bra for my wife.

What type of bra? asked the clerk.

Type?' inquires the man, there's more than one type?

Look around, said the saleslady, as she showed a sea of bras in every shape, size, color and material imaginable. Actually, even with all of this variety, there are really only four types of bras to choose from.

Relieved, the man asked about the types.

The saleslady replied: there are the Catholic, the Salvation Army, the Presbyterian, and the Baptist types. Which one would you prefer?

Now totally befuddled, the man asked about the difference between them.

The Sales lady responded, It is all really quite simple. .

The Catholic type supports the masses; the Salvation Army type lifts the fallen; the Presbyterian type keeps them staunch and upright; the Baptist type makes mountains out of molehills.

Little Johnny's at it again.....

Little Johnny's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals.

One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. 'Yes,' said the policeman. 'The detectives want very badly to capture him.' Little Johnny asked, 'Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?'

The math teacher saw that little Johnny wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, 'Johnny! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?'

Little Johnny quickly replied, 'NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!'

Little Johnny watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face.

'Why do you do that, mommy?' he asked. 'To make myself beautiful,' said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue.

'What's the matter?' asked little Johnny. 'Giving up?'

A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses.

She started her class by saying, 'Everyone who thinks they're stupid, stand up!'

After a few seconds, little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, 'Do you think you're stupid, little Johnny?' 'No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!'

Changes in the District Directory

Page 59 – Shannon Scheffel lives in Rockton, IL., 61072

Page 75 – Walnut President, Jerry Fritz's e-mail is: jerfritz@yahoo.com

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2008-09 Rotary Club Attendance and Membership report

| Club | 07/01/08 Membership | July % | Aug. % | Sept. % | Oct. % | Change Total |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Belvidere | 52 | 58 | 59 | | 55 | 52 --- |
| Belvidere Bright Horizons | 14 | 75 | 75 | 70 | 70 | 15 +1 |
| DeKalb | 28 | -- | 62 | 69 | 63 | 27 -1 |
| Dixon | 67 | -- | 50 | 62 | 31 | 71 +4 |
| East Moline/Silvis | 102 | -- | | | | 102 --- |
| Erie | 12 | -- | | | | 12 --- |
| Freeport | 88 | -- | | | | 88 --- |
| Freeport Sunrise | 17 | 68 | 71 | 78 | 75 | 17 --- |
| Galena | 81 | 81 | 66 | 68 | | 80 -1 |
| Geneseo | 51 | 65 | 69 | 71 | 64 | 50 -1 |
| Granville | 31 | 75 | 79 | | | 33 +2 |
| Harvard | 14 | 56 | 48 | 50 | | 12 -2 |
| Henry | 33 | 67 | 73 | 78 | | 36 +3 |
| Ill. Valley Sunrise | 35 | 73 | 67 | | | 39 +4 |
| Kishwaukee Sunrise | 44 | -- | | | | 44 --- |
| Lacon | 25 | -- | 84 | 84 | | 22 -3 |
| LaSalle | 52 | -- | | | | 52 --- |
| Loves Park | 43 | 78 | 78 | 81 | | 47 +4 |
| Marselles | 20 | 69 | 70 | 72 | | 21 +1 |
| Mendota | 11 | 75 | 80 | 92 | 68 | 11 --- |
| Milan | 37 | -- | | | | 37 --- |
| Moline | 132 | 83 | 73 | 80 | | 131 -1 |
| Morrison | 49 | 61 | 68 | 63 | 66 | 51 +2 |
| Mt. Carrol | 23 | 54 | 59 | 57 | 60 | 23 --- |
| North Winnebago Co. | 15 | 53 | 67 | 73 | 63 | 15 --- |
| Oregon | 53 | 58 | 64 | 60 | 60 | 48 -5 |
| Ottawa | 77 | 60 | 59 | | | 76 -1 |
| Ottawa Sunrise | 22 | 85 | 75 | 85 | 83 | 22 --- |
| Pecatonica | 16 | 60 | 63 | 58 | 69 | 15 -1 |
| Peru | 44 | 67 | 64 | | 58 | 46 +2 |
| Plano | 16 | 56 | 63 | 69 | 50 | 18 +2 |
| Princeton | 79 | 81 | 85 | 79 | 83 | 74 -5 |
| Quad Cities | 20 | 58 | 65 | 61 | | 21 +1 |
| River Cities | 31 | 64 | 79 | 63 | 66 | 31 --- |
| Rochelle | 93 | 60 | 66 | 75 | 72 | 91 -2 |
| Rock Falls | 25 | 83 | 76 | | | 25 --- |
| Rock Island | 98 | 54 | 56 | 63 | 63 | 98 --- |
| Rock River Valley | 25 | 70 | 80 | 81 | | 23 --- |
| Rockford | 218 | | | 40 | 36 | 216 -2 |
| Rockford East/ CV. | 38 | 75 | 68 | 62 | | 37 -1 |
| Sandwich | 16 | 73 | 71 | 92 | 75 | 15 -1 |
| Savanna | 30 | -- | | | | 30 --- |
| Sterling | 61 | 30 | 70 | 71 | | 64 +3 |
| Streator | 28 | -- | 59 | 51 | 58 | 28 --- |
| Sycamore | 74 | 61 | 62 | 64 | 62 | 73 -1 |
| Toluca | 17 | -- | | | | 17 --- |
| Twin Cities | 42 | 71 | 63 | 55 | 59 | 41 -1 |
| Walnut | 24 | 78 | 82 | 78 | 77 | 24 --- |
| Wenona | 18 | 84 | | | | 18 --- |
| Total | 2241 | | | | | 2239 -2 |

Welcome new members to Rotary!!

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| Morrison Rotary | Suellen Girard |
| Morrison Rotary | G. Tanner Girard |
| Princeton Rotary | Laurie Hayes |
| Rockford Rotary | Robert Head |
| Rockford Rotary | Paul Hill |
| Rock Island Rotary | Steven Knight |
| Sycamore Rotary | Tim Carlson |
| Rochelle Rotary | Prem Sud |
| Rochelle Rotary | Robert Sullivan |
| River Cities Rotary | Karen Sample |
| Mendota Rotary | Michael Morrell |

New Paul Harris Fellows

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| Moline Rotary | Marvin Schiess (4), |
| Moline Rotary | Vicky Miller |

New Paul Harris Sustaining Members

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| Moline Rotary | Gary Franque |
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Rotarians who need our thoughts & prayers

PDG DeWitt Osgood's wife, Betty is home in bed after a bad fall that has effected her balance and speech. Her address is 102 Mattek, DeKalb, IL.60115

PDG Raymond Den Adel is in a Rehab center in Iowa after suffering a slight stroke. His home address is 701 Broadway Street, Pella, Iowa 50219

Rotarians in our memories



Bing Bingaman, pasted Oct. 19, 2008 Bing was an honorary member of the Rock Island Rotary club and a Past President of the La Salle Rotary club

That's all folks