

# ROTARY DISTRICT 6460

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Keith Lape, District Governor, District 6460

## Good News In Polio Eradication Battle Polio Endemic Countries Hit All-Time Low of Four

*Eradication drive enters new phase with global roll-out of monovalent vaccines*

The number of countries with indigenous polio has dropped to an all-time low of four, as polio eradication efforts enter a new phase involving the use of next-generation vaccines targeted at the two surviving strains of virus.

In 2006, monovalent vaccines, aimed at individual virus strains, will be the primary platform for eradication in all remaining polio-affected areas, announced the core partners in polio eradication – the World Health Organization, Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF – enabling the eradication drive to hone in on poliovirus types 1 and 3.

This new phase was announced alongside the confirmation that indigenous poliovirus has not circulated in Egypt and Niger for over 12 months. This is the first time in three years that the number of polio-endemic countries has fallen, leaving Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan as the only countries that have never stopped indigenous polio transmission.

"Polio has been endemic in our country for all of recorded history," said Egyptian Minister of Health Dr. Hatem Mostafa El-Gabaly. "The best tools of our age finally defeated this enemy who has been with us from pharaonic times." Monovalent vaccine targeted at the type-1 poliovirus circulating in Egypt was used during vaccination campaigns there in May 2005.

Unlike Egypt – where the challenge to eradication was highly efficient polio transmission in crowded cities – Niger

faced a sparse population, some of it nomadic, scattered over a vast country with a heavily-travelled border with Nigeria, the world's largest reservoir of poliovirus. Multiple immunization campaigns in Niger were painstakingly planned to ensure children were being vaccinated even in the remotest and border areas. In 2005, the nine polio cases reported in Niger were all the result of importations over this border.

The success in Niger and Egypt is the result of intense efforts in 2004-05 to halt Africa's polio epidemic and fast-track the introduction of monovalent polio vaccines into selected areas. The number of cases of polio in India and Pakistan in the last quarter of 2005 also fell by more than half compared with the previous year, due to more effective immunization strategies and the use of monovalent vaccine.

"To fully exploit these new tools, government commitment in Nigeria must remain high at all levels to ensure that all children are vaccinated," said Jonathan Majiyagbe of Kano, Nigeria and past President of Rotary International, which has contributed more than US\$ 600 million and countless volunteer hours to a polio-free world. Ninety per cent of polio cases in Nigeria are concentrated in just eight of the country's 37 states.

In addition to mass immunization with monovalent vaccines in the four endemic countries, large-scale campaigns with these vaccines will need to take place in 2006 in eight countries – including Somalia, Indonesia and Yemen – to stop recently imported polioviruses. Critical to the success of these campaigns is a US\$ 150 million shortfall which must be filled as rapidly as possible. The eradication effort requires a further US\$ 425 million for the 2007-2008 period.

## Historic Event at Peoria Club - Bill Rutherford Receives RI Service Above Self Award

*By Skip Nelson*

On February 3, 2006, Peoria Club Rotarian Bill Rutherford received the prestigious Rotary International Service Above Self Award. Only 150 Service Above Self awards are presented each year by Rotary International worldwide.

Kent Noble, Peoria Rotary Club President, began the presentation with a few brief remarks. Since Bill Rutherford was unable to be present, President Kent said that the entire ceremony was being filmed thanks to the generosity of Rotarian Chet Tomczyk and WTVP, the local public television station.

President Noble then introduced U.S.

Representative Ray LaHood who commented on his long association with Bill Rutherford and Bill's concerns for the community, nature, and the environment. Representative LaHood displayed a U.S. flag for Bill that had flown over the U.S. Capitol.

State Senator George Shadid followed Representative LaHood with a few remarks and displayed a proclamation from Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich declaring February 3, 2006, as Bill Rutherford Day in Illinois.

Next was Peoria Mayor Jim Ardis who had a proclamation from the city honoring Bill

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## President's Message - World Understanding

Dear fellow Rotarians,

February is World Understanding Month, a time when Rotarians, clubs and districts think of international service projects. During my trips around the world, I have seen many wonderful projects where several countries have been involved.

One such project is Ciudad de los Niños, run by the Rotary Club de San Borja, Peru. The club has developed 18 programs for an orphanage of 550 boys. The youngsters can stay there until they are 18 years old — boys who otherwise would not have had a home to go to or daily food.

In another joint effort, the Rotary Club of Hoensbroeck, The Netherlands, has worked with the government of The Netherlands to set up a sewing workshop and the construction of dormitories. The club has also contributed funds for a kitchen and dining room equipment. District 7950 (Massachusetts, USA) has participated in building a shoe workshop and a hen house — the latter expanded with the help of the Rotary Club of Martha's Vineyard (part of District 7950). A carpentry workshop and a bakery have been built with the help of the Rotary Club of Saxmundham, England.

All the projects are meeting the needs of what they were intended for — to generate income for the Ciudad de los Niños so that the young residents can learn a profession.

Another worthy project is located in Senegal, called "One Million Trees to grow the Sahel Green Again." This is a long-term project, also supported by Rotary clubs in England, France, Senegal, and other countries, resulted in the planting of more than 85,000 trees in the Sahel region of Africa by the end of 2003. This is truly an international project — Rotary at its best!

Another project can be found in Argentina — the National Braille Publisher in Buenos Aires. This organization provides equipment for the blind and visually impaired. Special software digitally reads print on a computer, then verbally describes what is on the screen, allowing the user to process the text, transcribe electronic correspondence and navigate the Internet. The funding for this project was the result of a combined effort of The Rotary Foundation of RI, the Rotary Club of Buenos Aires and District 7000 (Puerto Rico).

These are just a few of the fine Rotarian efforts that demonstrate the power of cooperation that make a positive difference in our communities and in our world. The size of your Rotary club, district or project does not matter when you reach out to other Rotarians beyond your own communities and countries. It is our motto of Service Above Self and our cooperation on service projects that make a difference in the world.

**Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar**  
President,  
Rotary International

## District Governor's Report 2006 - World Understanding Month

To: Rotarians of  
District 6460

From: Keith R. Lape  
District Governor



As I begin this message to you, I am reminded of several comments that fellow Rotarians have made to me as I have begun my second visits to the clubs of the District. The comment can generally be summarized as, "Well, are you about to 'wind down' as we head into the few remaining month of the Rotary Year?" On several cases I discussed some of the items that are still in front of us as we begin the last months of the 2005-2006 year. They include, but are not limited to, the issues of: District Conference/Assembly, Multi-District PETS, RYLA, International Convention, District Project on the GED educational testing program, and many more that are still to be developed.

There is one development that I wish to focus on for this newsletter: a plan to address the needed contributions to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation. I am excited to report that money contributed to support the International Convention in Chicago in June 2005 have been returned to District 6460. Money contributed in Rotary Years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, at a rate of \$12 per year per Rotarian, amounted to \$65,988. The RI Host Organization Committee did an excellent job of using and protecting our investment through conservative practices and outstanding fundraisers. All of the money contributed by the District was returned to the District.

At a special meeting of the Governor's Advisory and Finance Committee, it was decided that one of two options would best serve the District in the years ahead. The Advisory and Finance Committee thought that the District Governor should survey the clubs through the club president. I am in the process of meeting with club presidents. The two options, briefly summarized, without any priority order, are:

- Funds available should be sent to the Disaster Relief Fund that has been established to serve the needs in the Gulf of Mexico area. The funds would be controlled by Rotarians and would serve projects identified by Rotarians.

- Funds available would be equally divided into three (3) equal parts and used as matching monies to generate members in the newly forming Paul Harris Society, or newly formed Paul Harris Circles.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6460  
**AREA HIGHLIGHTS SCHEDULE FOR DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**

<u>Newsletter Issue</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Assistant Governor</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
August 2005	7	David Parson	July 31, 2005
September 2005	2	Richard Passmore	August 31, 2005
October 2005	10	Phillip Blandon	September 30, 2005
November 2005	8	Tom Turpin	October 31, 2005
December 2005	4	Dick Williams	November 30, 2005
January 2006	5	David Knierem	December 31, 2005
February 2006	1	David Uhlmann	January 31, 2006
<b>March 2006</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Debbie Naught</b>	<b>February 28, 2006</b>
April 2006	9	Joe Malench	March 31, 2006
May 2006	3	Karl Kuppler	April 30, 2006

- ♦ **Why:** Inform District Rotarians of individual club efforts and issues of local interest
- ♦ **Who:** One area per month (See District List of Areas and Clubs on page 6)
- ♦ **When:** See schedule above
- ♦ **What:** Club Info-New or old-Articles, photos, reports, members' accomplishments
- ♦ **How:** Email, US Mail
- ♦ **Where:** Skip Nelson  
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## Need a Program for Your Club?

### Group Study Exchange (GSE) Presentations

Members of the District 6460 GSE team who visited Argentina in the spring of 2005 are willing to make presentations to clubs in the District.

Contact GSE Team Leader Helen Downey of Jacksonville. Call Helen at 217-245-4381 or email her at [helen.downey@mchsi.com](mailto:helen.downey@mchsi.com).

### Rotary International Foundation

#### Presentations

by District Rotary Foundation Committee

Chair Fred Osburn

Call Fred at 217.245.4564 or

by email at [FO926@aol.com](mailto:FO926@aol.com)

# District Conference

April 28-29, 2006

## District Golf Outing

April 27, 2006

### Jacksonville

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**Deadline - end of the month**

*For example - Information for March newsletter is due by February 28.*



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# Bill Rutherford Receives RI Service Above Self Award

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Rutherford.

RI District 6460 Governor Keith Lape then gave a brief overview of the RI Service Above Self award and introduced PDG Susie Smith, Peoria North Rotary Club.

PDG Susie Smith, who nominated Bill for the award, spoke of her friendship with Bill Rutherford and highlighting his dedication, perseverance, and untiring efforts to the community, the environment and Rotary.

RI Director Bob Stuart, after a few brief comments, presented the RI Service Above Self Plaque and a letter signed by RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar to Bill's friend, legal colleague, and fellow Rotarian, Jim Tomlin, who

accepted on behalf of Bill.

Jim Tomlin, after a few brief remarks, played Bill's recorded acceptance remarks.

In addition to attending this historic occasion at the Peoria Rotary Club, I was further honored

to accompany RI Director Bob Stuart, DG Keith Lape, District Governor-Elect Dick Robinson, PDG Susie Smith, and Peoria Rotary Club President Kent Noble, on a brief visit with Bill Rutherford at his home.



(Above) RI Service Above Self Award for Bill Rutherford.

# ROTARY DISTRICT 6460

Membership and Attendance: January 2006



## Attendance

## Membership

	Mtgs. Held	This Month	%	Rank to Date	Year	Rank Start of Year	Present	Change
Abingdon	4 of 4	62.50	19	74.20	=10	16	18	+2
Aledo	4 of 4	79.00	7	81.53	3	7	7	-
Alton-Godfrey	5 of 5	59.80	27	70.34	=14	122	121	-1
Athens	4 of 4	73.00	12	70.51	13	13	13	-
Bethalto	4 of 4	77.91	8	66.20	19	44	44	-
Bushnell	3 of 5	68.00	=15	69.71	16	22	18	-4
Carlinville	4 of 4	54.09	31	60.34	27	41	40	-1
Delavan	5 of 5	80.00	6	74.00	=10	25	26	+1
East Alton, IL	4 of 4	60.98	23	58.67	29	29	31	+2
East Peoria	5 of 5	49.60	32	56.25	31	29	27	-2
Edwardsville	4 of 4	76.10	=10	74.22	9	144	137	-7
Galesburg Sunrise	5 of 5	68.08	=15	64.47	20	51	52	+1
Galva	4 of 4	56.00	30	52.29	33	21	21	-
Highland	5 of 5	76.00	=10	76.17	5	59	69	+10
Jacksonville	4 of 4	60.00	=25	62.29	21	109	120	+11
Jerseyville	4 of 4	71.00	=13	70.00	=14	42	37	-5
Kewanee	5 of 5	77.10	9	74.29	8	50	48	-2
Land of Goshen	4 of 4	81.12	=4	75.46	6	56	55	-1
Macomb	4 of 5	66.59	18	66.96	18	117	113	-4
Macomb Centennial Morning	4 of 4	91.30	1	88.39	1	35	38	+3
Manito-Forest City	5 of 5	60.00	=25	60.97	25	28	29	+1
Mason City	5 of 5	47.40	33	52.97	32	17	18	+1
Pekin	4 of 4	84.40	2	78.46	4	60	54	-6
Peoria	4 of 4	58.00	29	58.90	28	290	289	-1
Peoria North	4 of 4	62.00	=20	68.88	17	193	191	-2
Peoria Sunrise	4 of 4	59.21	28	58.03	30	22	19	-3
Petersburg	5 of 5	81.00	=4	81.86	2	16	17	+1
Pittsfield	4 of 4	71.33	=13	71.50	12	45	48	+3
Quincy	5 of 5	60.57	24	62.16	22	88	87	-1
Quincy East	4 of 4	62.50	=20	61.03	24	25	24	-1
Rushville	4 of 4	82.50	3	74.69	7	33	32	-1
Springfield	4 of 5	61.00	22	61.67	23	93	92	-1
Springfield Sunrise	4 of 4	68.00	=15	60.71	26	28	24	-4
<b>Totals</b>						<b>1970</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>-11</b>

### No report received from:

Rotary Club of Farmington	Rotary Club of Galesburg	Rotary Club of Morton
Rotary Club of Bend	Rotary Club of Granite City	Rotary Club of Springfield - Midtown
Rotary Club of Cambridge	Rotary Club of Havana	Rotary Club of Springfield South
Rotary Club of Canton	Rotary Club of Jacksonville Sunrise	Rotary Club of Washington
Rotary Club of Chillicothe	Rotary Club of Monmouth	Rotary Club of Wood River

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you did not submit an attendance and membership report to the District Secretary in time there is no record for your club. You may send attendance and membership reports to PDG Chuck Farrar, District Secretary, 311 East Main Street, Suite 517, Galesburg, IL 61401 or email them to [chf@midwest.net](mailto:chf@midwest.net). If your club would like to begin using the new Rotary International Club Administrative Software you are able to get copies for the software from your Assistant Governor or from the District.



(Below) State Sen. George Shadid presents proclamation to Jim Tomlin.



(Above) DG Keith Lape and Peoria Club President Kent Noble prepare for the presentation ceremony.



(Above) Peoria Rotary Club President Kent Noble.



(Above) Rotarian Jim Tomlin accepting RI Service Above Self Award for Bill Rutherford.



(Above) Peoria Rotary Club President Kent Noble gives the presentation ceremony.



(Above) State Sen. George Shadid presents proclamation to Jim Tomlin.



(Above) Peoria Mayor Jim Ardis.



(Above) U.S. Representative Ray LaHood.



(Above) PDG Susie Smith commenting on her nomination of Bill Rutherford for the RI Service Above Self Award.

# AREA 1 HIGHLIGHTS

## Galva City Rotary Club

**Charter Year 1923**  
**President 2005-2006-**  
**Michael Massie**

Wiley Park for another Eagle project. In 2002, Galva Rotary Club and the Galva Boy Scouts cleaned up a cemetery north of Galva under a State of Illinois Cemetery Clean Up program, and last fall our members asked the Cub Scouts to help in a clean up day. It was fun to work together to make Galva a cleaner city.

sent to Iraq in 2004, the club donated to purchase a computer system at the Galva Armory so family of servicemen could stay in contact.

Rotarians raise money through annual fruit sales and a raffle for cash. Cash was donated to help bring the Art Train to Galva in 1996, to rebuild Galva after a 1996 tornado struck our town, and to assist Abilities Plus in the 2003 building campaign. Also, with the assistance of the Rotary District 1 simplified grants, the club was able to replant over 24 trees lost in a 2003 tornado and this year a donation was made to assist Abilities Plus in the construction of a early childhood playground area.

Galva is known for being a community full of volunteers, and each February the Rotary Club invites to lunch others from the community that generously volunteer their time. Another special meeting is prior to the start of school when all of the new teachers are invited and welcomed to Galva. Last November, a new tradition was started when our Rotary Club honored our senior citizens by serving them an Italian dinner followed by card games.

Each Monday at noon, Galva Rotary Club meets at McKay's Restaurant. They welcome new Rotarians and visits from other Rotarians.

On February 12, 1923, twenty-three Galva businessmen met and formed the Galva Rotary Club, Charter #1374. As their charter members did, they continue to provide opportunities for service to the local and world community.

Among the first community projects the Galva Rotary undertook was to install a sidewalk from the edge of Galva south to the Galva Cemetery. Veterans Park has a gazebo that Rotarians built and park benches that Rotary purchased. At the Galva Park District Rotary members built baseball dugouts and a park shelter. The club also purchased the electric scoreboard at the High School football field.

Boy Scouting was started in Galva seventy-nine years ago with the assistance of the Rotary Club. Each year Rotary canvasses local business for contributions to Boy Scouts and has also funded and assisted scouts working on their Eagle Badge. Materials were purchased for a sign at the Galva Cemetery for one such project and last year materials were purchased and guidance was given to a scout building a gazebo in

Galva schools have benefited from the Galva Rotary Club. For twenty-five years the club hosted exchange students from all over the world, and the club has sponsored several Galva students as outbound exchange students. One year the club purchased new high school Band uniforms, and for the past several years, money has been raised and donated to purchase books for the Accelerator Reading Program. Currently members are going to the elementary school to read with third graders. Annually the Rotary Club hosts an honors banquet for the Galva High School students who maintain a high grade point average.

The Galva Rotary Club has been supportive of veterans through the years. In 1924, they honored the veterans and widows of veterans of the Civil War. The club donated money toward the purchase of the monument in Veterans Park that honors the Galvans who lost their lives in war. When the Galva National Guard was



*(Left and Below) Last November, a new tradition was started when the Galva Rotary Club honored its senior citizens by serving them an Italian dinner followed by card games.*



*(Below) Galva Rotary Club Mount Zion Cemetary trash clean up project.*



*(Above) Galva Rotarian Nancy Ingels reads to a class on September 8, 2004 during International Reading Day.*



*(Above) Galva Tree Project. Pictured left to right are: Johnson Aledo, giving tree; Vicki Massie; Rod Buffinton; Shne Kaiser, Galva Forester*



*(Above) Gazebo built in Wiley Park with the Scouts for an Eagle Project.*



*(Above) Members enjoying Galva Rotary Club's 100 year anniversary in 2005.*



*(Left) The Galva Rotary Club's trash pick-up project with the local Cub Scout Troup.*

# AREA 1 HIGHLIGHTS

## Galesburg Sunrise Rotary Club

**Charter Year 1990**  
**President**  
**2005-2006 -**  
**Luke Sakalosky**

The club was founded in 1990, as an expansion or an offshoot of the Galesburg Noon Rotary Club. Charter member names that come to mind are Don Fisk, Jack Doyle, John Dowers, and Chuck Farrar.

They are a club that is growing, and I will say with some younger blood. Their current membership stands at 56.

Right now they are focused on a literacy project called "Reading Buddies," in

conjunction with School District #205. In this project they donate books about American heroes to the elementary schools, and a number of members donate their time by going into the school and helping a child with fundamental reading skills. In addition, they participate in high-way clean-up, college scholarships, hazardous waste clean-up, and water projects. They raise most of our money via membership dues and fruit sales.

They club is rather active in the Rotary Student Exchange Program. They have a core group members that really makes this thing go.

They also donate monies in the community upon request.

This group simply enjoys getting together on a Tuesday morning for some solid fellowship.

## David Ullmann, Assistant Governor Area 1

### Kewanee Rotary Club

**Charter Year 1917**  
**President 2005-2006-**  
**Glen Schwarm**

District Governor Frank P. Manley of Indianapolis, Indiana, presented the charter for the Kewanee Rotary Club to the newly elected president, E.E. Baker on January 24, 1917. Rotary delegations from Peoria, Galesburg, and Chicago attended the presentation.

The home of E.E. Baker, founder of Kewanee Boiler, at the corner of Division and Chestnut, has the Rotary Wheel as one of its windows.

The founders of the Kewanee Rotary Club set Tuesday as their meeting day each week and the club still meets on that day. The founders of the Kewanee Rotary club also helped to organize a Chamber of Commerce and the local Boy Scout organization.

Kewanee Rotary has had famous speakers at their club meeting, including Paul Harris and former President William Howard Taft.

Throughout its history the Kewanee Rotary Club has been involved in many activities, including:

- Beginning in 1958, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army, and still raises the most money;

- Hold an annual Christmas party for kids which began in 1984;
- J. Kyle Braid Leadership Program for high school juniors;
- Donations to the Rotary Foundation;
- Special fund-raising breakfast each year on Employee Appreciation Day
- Support for the Abilities Plus Handicap Workshop of Henry County;
- Boy Scouts;
- Scholarships;
- Scholars Banquet; and,
- Third grade dictionary program.

Their most recent event was held February 14, 2006. This was the annual spouses' night dinner and awards. It was held at the First Methodist Church in Kewanee. A wonderful dinner followed with presentation of awards. Awards were given for perfect attendance, membership milestones and our Paul Harris Fellows award. The 2006 Paul Harris Fellows award was awarded to Lemont Webster. The award was presented by Martha Carroll, Paul Harris recipient in 2004. Entertainment was provided by Ed and Janet Kaizer. Ed and Janet are teachers at Bradley University in Peoria. They provided a beautiful musical presentation from Beethoven to Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag".

Come, visit, and make up a meeting at Kewanee Rotary Club in Kewanee. Remember, it is still on Tuesday as it has been since 1917.

## Aledo Rotary Club

**Charter Year 1948**  
**President 2005-2006 -**  
**David Duncan**

## Galesburg Rotary Club

**Charter Year - 1914**  
**President 2005-2006 -**  
**Chris Ryner**

## Cambridge Rotary Club

**Charter Year 1970**  
**President 2005-2006 -**  
**Mike Palmer**



(Above) The 2006 Paul Harris Fellows award was awarded to Lemont Webster. The award was presented by Martha Carroll, Paul Harris recipient in 2004.



(Above) Entertainment at the annual spouses' night and awards was provided by Ed and Janet Kaizer. Ed and Janet are teachers at Bradley University in Peoria.

## District Conference

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# FROM RUSSIA - With Questions Peoria North Rotary Club Opens Lines of Talk

By DeWaynes Bartles

As the City Link trolley carrying 12 Russian visitors stopped in front of Peoria City Hall Sept. 3, questions erupted. "Can citizens here criticize their leaders?" "Can citizens protest?" Do the leaders decide what is printed in the newspaper?" The questions came so fast, the tour guide struggled to keep up. An insatiable curiosity about Western politics emerged from the Russians. Parked on Fulton Street, they received unfiltered answers. The delegation of 11 Russian shipping and transportation employers and two interpreters, courtesy of the Rotary Club of Peoria-North, were at the beginning of a week-long visit to Peoria to learn about American Business practices.

## Differences

At the conclusion of the historic tour of Peoria, the Russians were treated to lunch at The Spotted Cow on Prospect Road in Peoria Heights. They were amused to find the ice cream flavors printed in Russian. Such small touches were appreciated. Alexander Smimov, general director of a small transport company, said Peoria was quite different from his home of Ekaterinburg. "my first impression is a little, nice-looking town. That's very unusual for Russia," he said. "We have seen lots of friendly, hospitable, welcoming people." Smimov said he was struck by the slow pace in Peoria and the very well-developed infrastructure. Smimov, and others in the group, were surprised to learn, for example, that homes in the United States are heated by natural gas delivered via underground pipes. "You do not carry your heating oil in containers. Very different," one member of the delegation offered. "It looks like the economics here is very good," Smimov said, Ilnur Shaydullin, a transportation director in IAhevsk, smiled and said Peoria was not what he expected. "We see lots of America in the movies. It's very different when you see it ere," Shaydullin said. "It is more open, friendlier."

## Common Ground

That Saturday was a laid back day for the visitors. Relaxation, though, was not a large part of the itinerary. The furious schedule the Russians kept while in Peoria included a tour of Mordue Moving and Storage in North Peoria and Caterpillar Inc. in Morton and East Peoria. John Adams, Mordue's vice-president, paced in the company's lobby as he waited for the Russian delegation to arrive Sept 6. "I'm more worried than nervous," Adams said. "I don't know what they want to know. I want this to be meaningful for them. Adams' worries soon evaporated. He offered a few comments through one of the interpreters, and then asked if it would more productive to answer their questions. Once that door was opened, Adams found himself the subject of

an intense Q-and-A session. The Russians were not bashful in their questioning. They were precise. When Adams did not answer a question with enough specificity to satisfy, the Russians probed deeper. Elana Polyakova, and interpreter from St. Petersburg, explained the rigorous questioning. "Everything is important to them to learn," she. "Private business in Russia is only 13 years old, very young. Business here is very mature. They want to learn everything." Yuriy Chubko, the owner of a transportation company in Ussuriisk, echoed Polyakova's comments. "This is very different from my company," he said. "But, the information is very useful because I want to learn everything about American business. A lot of the ideas here were interesting. I love the differences. Actually, everything is different—the corporate culture and the relationship to the customers." Adams, during the break, drank a Coke and breathed a sigh of relief. "I made it through, he said. "They asked good questions. Your can tell they know the business. I was quite pleased with the volume of questions. Adams walked away from the experience with exactly what he desired—a better understanding. "The more things we find we have in common, the safer the world is going to be" Adams said.

## Impressions

In the conference room at Lakeview Museum Sept. 7, after a day of touring trucking companies in Morton, the Russian delegation gathered to discuss what they had learned that day. Though the language was foreign, there were close similarities to a group of Americans sitting around a conference room. Some spoke with their hands waving, some spoke very passionately, rapidly, eliciting passionate remarks from others. In a corner sat Steve Wilkinson, one of the Rotary host. He was hosting Oksana Lapotina, the female founder of a transportation company, and Vyacheslav Lavrenyuk, the general manager of a transportation company. "They're very good people, very congenial." "They just love experiencing day to day American life." Wilkinson said he was impressed by the great pains his visitors took in trying to experience America. Wilkinson said he was especially intrigued by the effort Laotian took in trying to expand her English. "The other day we were stopped at a stoplight near the Metro Center. Very quietly, I heard her sounding out a phone number on a sigh there." "I'm getting a real feel for the fact they have the same concerns and day to day issues we have. They just have a different language. I've found them very open minded. That can only lead to greater understanding of each other.

*This article originally appeared in Peoria Times Newspaper and was furnished by Jim Cassulo-Rotary Club of Peoria-North.*

# District Governor Message - World Understanding Month

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In either case the District, with one-fourth of the \$1000 to be paid by the District, would match only the first year.

Subsequent year contributions would not be matched and in both cases it is expected that the donations would be ongoing. Additionally, money would be contributed to the Annual Fund to support the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" contributions of \$100 for Rotarians who make a commitment to make sustaining contributions. Again, only the first year's contribution would be matched.

Both options address the motto of "Service Above Self". Individual club presidents had several questions about both options. In the first option, the money would be paid in a one-time payment to the Disaster Relief Fund. The impact would be immediate, but would not have a lasting impact. Further, several clubs have undertaken projects to support the relief effort through a variety of organizations.

In the second option, the belief is that with the fund being divided into three equal parts, a long-range impact would be made and the current trend of the decline of contributions could be redirected. Currently, the funds received from Rotary International have been declining, and, if the issue is addressed for three years, the District will have additional funds to address future

District priorities.

More than 50 percent of club presidents have been personally contacted. At the time this report is being prepared, every club president has recorded his/her preference to support the contribution over three years to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation. This will allow individual Rotarians to step forward to support the Annual Fund. And, in doing so, will make an impact on the needs of the District, Rotary International, and of the clubs (through additional funds for future simplified grants).

In conclusion, the Governor's Advisory and Finance Committee has stated that the funds could not be utilized for "operation's fund," but the funds should be utilized in a manner to serve the greatest number of members. I believe that the plan being formulated will serve the members, the District, and future recipients of the funds.

Therefore, I am including the DRAFT copy of a form that will be distributed to the clubs and its members for their involvement in this campaign to increase the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation. If you are willing to participate in any of the three (3) opportunities, please send the attached form to:

Form is available on District website (under Forms): [www.rotarydistrict6460.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6460.org).

Send the form to: **Keith R. Lape, District Governor, 20 Nob Hill Dr., Jacksonville, IL 62650.**

## February - World Understanding Month February 23 - Rotary's Anniversary/ World Understanding and Peace Day

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding Month. The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day.

In designating World Understanding Month, the Rotary International board asks all Rotary clubs to plan programs for their weekly meetings and undertake special activities to emphasize "understanding and goodwill as essential for world peace."

To observe this designated month, many clubs arrange international speakers, invite youth exchange students and international scholars from schools and universities to club meetings, plan programs featuring former Group Study Exchange team

members, arrange discussions on international issues, present entertainment with an international cultural or artistic theme and schedule other programs with an international emphasis.

Many clubs take the opportunity to launch an international community service activity or make contact with a Rotary club in another country. It is a good month to initiate a Rotary Fellowship Exchange, a 3-H project or 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.

## February - World Understanding Month Breaking the Language Barrier

February is World Understanding Month on the Rotary calendar. It's difficult, however, to understand others if you can't comprehend the words they use. But once you learn another language, a new world opens. You can read more newspapers and understand more movies. You can learn about more people's lives and laugh at their jokes. Most important, you'll always know when someone is talking about you in an elevator.

Many worldly Rotarians are polyglots. Among the Rotarians featured in the February issue of The Rotarian are a training consultant and a photographer. Both have used a second language in their careers or service work.

Rotarians are also helping others learn languages. In Malmö, Sweden, they're

conversing in Swedish with immigrants. In Chile, Rotarians have trained English instructors. In Haiti, they're funding French tutoring, giving students a chance at a better education and brighter career prospects.

Consider how your life might be better if you added another language to it. Then imagine how our world would be better if we all knew another language. Explore the articles throughout this section at left and read complete coverage in the February issue of The Rotarian.

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## Ambassadorial Scholar for 2006-2007

Rachel Rogers, District 6460's Ambassadorial Scholar for 2006-2007, attended a Multi-District Ambassadorial Scholar Orientation Dec. 16-17, 2005, in Nashville, Tennessee. Accompanying her was her counselor from the Jacksonville Rotary Club, Helen Downey. Also attending from District 6460 were District Governor Keith Lape and his wife Phyllis, District Governor Elect Richard Robinson and his wife, Marie, and Rachel's mother, Marge Rogers.

Rachel is from Altona, Illinois, and is a junior at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, majoring in English. She will be attending the University of Wales, studying English. She is sponsored by the Jacksonville Rotary Club.



## Timely Gift: Clock Marks Centennial

The Clock is ticking at Village Hall - that is, a centennial clock donated to the community by the East Alton Rotary Club.

More than 30 village officials and Rotary members attended the dedication ceremony on Thursday, December 22, 2005, for a newly installed clock that honors Rotary International's centennial celebration, which occurred earlier that year.

Ron Eaton, committee chairman of the clock project, said that in 2002, Rotary clubs across the country were asked to select and plan a local project that would recognize the Rotary's 100 years of service.

"Our club chose a memorial clock," Eaton said.

Eaton said it was the consensus of club members that a clock would be a useful gift to the community. He said everyone felt it would be a lasting legacy to Rotary's motto of "Service above Self."

Eaton said the club spent two years raising funds for the project, which includes all the electrical, concrete and landscaping work at the clock site. He said Wegman Electric and RCS Construction provided the site preparation work.

Rotary members would not say how much money actually was raised or spent on the project; however, neighboring communities that have installed similar clocks have spent up to \$25,000.

Eaton said the Rotary decided to purchase the clock from the Verdin Co. of Cincinnati after doing extensive research.

"They are the best," he said.

The company specializes in bells, carillons and clocks.

Street and post clocks once were symbols of a bustling downtown shopping district. They were important in a time when the average citizen could not afford a

timepiece; often, the village jeweler provided the clock as a benefit to the whole community.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of businesses and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

Attorney Paul P. Harris of Chicago organized the first Rotary Club in 1905. The East Alton Rotary was founded in 1971 and meets at the Keasler Recreation Center at noon every Thursday.

The world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, was formed on February 23, 1905, by Harris, who wished to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his youth. The name "Rotary" derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Workers from the Verdin Co. were in East Alton the week before the ceremony to install the post clock, Eaton said.

"They were here on the coldest day of the year," he said.

Village President Fred Bright said what the Rotary Club did is wonderful for the citizens of the community.

"Everyone in the village will be able to enjoy it," Bright said.

He said it's nice that the club chose a memorial clock as its centennial project. He said that because of the efforts of club members, the village is able to have a clock that it otherwise would not be able to afford.



## Exchange Student from Collinsville Meets Steve Forbes

The picture at right shows Kim Dwyling, from Sweden and visiting Collinsville as an exchange student, with Steve Forbes of Forbes magazine.

Ken Buel, Collinsville Rotary Club, accompanied Kim to an event at SIU-Edwardsville where Mr. Forbes was one of the speakers.

Kim's many interests include the study of money, finance, and international economic policy. He plans to attend Oxford University and earn a Master's Degree in International Business Management with the hope of starting his own business some day.



## Jacksonville Rotary Club Annual Valentine's Dance

On February 10, 2006, the Jacksonville Rotary Club held its 4th Annual Valentine's Dinner-Dance. Over 200 Rotarians and guests enjoyed a fine meal and then danced to the Kevin Turner Trio.

Jacksonville Rotary Club uses the proceeds from the Valentine's Dinner-Dance to support various activities locally and internationally including Polio Plus and the club's Rotary Centennial Project in Jacksonville.

This year the Jacksonville Rotary Club is

using the money to support a matching grant project in Argentina with the Las Parejas Rotary Club in District 4880. The project supported by the Las Parejas Rotary Club is a school for developmentally disabled children. The school was started by the parents of the children and does not receive government support. The matching grant will enable the school to purchase needed kitchen and office equipment that will enable the school to meet government standards in order to receive government support.



(Above) (L to R) Bev Riggins and District Governor-Nominee Ron Riggins.



(Above) (L to R) Bonnie Knierem and Assistant Governor Area 5 Dave Knierem.



(Above) (L to R) Jacksonville Rotary Club President Trent Cain and Luanne Cain.



(Above) (L to R) Jacksonville Rotarian Jeff Coultas and Addie Coultas.

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(Above) (L to R) Jacksonville Rotarian Phyllis Lape and District Governor Keith Lape.



(Above) (L to R) RI Director Bob Stuart, Emmy Osburn, Past District Governor Fred Osburn, Margie Stuart.

# ROTARY DISTRICT 6460 Calendar 2005-2006

2005	July.....	Literacy Month
	August.....	Membership and Extension Month
	September.....	New Generations Month
	October.....	Vocational Service Month
	October 31 - November 6.....	World Interact Week
	November.....	Rotary Foundation Month
	December.....	Family Month

2006	January.....	Rotary Awareness Month
	February.....	World Understanding Month
	February 23.....	Rotary's 101st Anniversary
	March 13-19.....	World Rotaract Week
	April.....	Magazine Month
	June.....	Rotary Fellowship Month



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