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Dick Robinson, District Governor, District 6460

Rotarians of District 6460,

A year in a life can pass so quickly. Serving as your District Governor has been one of the joys of my life. What you get to see in this position is far beyond your expectations. Rotarians are truly vested in the motto, "Service above Self" and accomplish great things. Most clubs bring something special to the table of service and that is what I would like all Rotarians to see personally.

New members are the least of those in knowledge and understanding of Rotary's personality from club-to-club. Many average (in age) Rotarians are pretty well set in their ways (They have done it their way too many years!). They too have very little knowledge of the face of Rotary in clubs throughout the District. Is it not clever the way Rotary International requires each Governor to visit each club? Wow! - What an experience-- so that each club can bring the Governor's knowledge up-to-date on the official visit. Rotary has challenged all the clubs to gain more knowledge by giving attendance credit for Rotarians who visit other clubs.

The next step is one which I believe will help put a little life in Rotary clubs. You might remember back to PDG Susie Smith's year as Governor. Peoria North traveled the district selling chances on the Golf Ball Drop. Some of you may remember one of those Rotarians, yes it was Governor -Elect Ron Riggins. When you see this paper he will be governor, or so close to it he can't back out. Ask him about the benefit of visiting other clubs during that year of selling chances. Oh, the next step - each club should have its members visit other clubs as a group of three or four together with at least one new member in the mix. The important thing is for them to share this visit with the club once they return. Once a month with four Rotarians visiting 49 clubs I see a golf game in there somewhere. The numbers are for you to work out 52 weeks 49 clubs in Rotary District 6460 and if that is not enough please visit clubs in contiguous Districts. The benefits are important to the overall well being of Rotary and your club.

We will become complacent if we don't communicate and expand our thinking, use our vision, assess our mutual needs and then show the rest of the Rotarians in our clubs what we can do to be of more service. If we have more members, we can do more service, we can partner with others to get the job done. We have unlimited resources - if we believe.

After a year of personal experience as District Governor, I believe we are the force of Peace as we partner with Rotary Clubs around the world. The challenge is for each of us to grow so we can make our contributions to our club, our District and the Family of Rotary World.

Thank you all for the honor to serve you and your district - Rotary District 6460!

Richard P. "Dick" Robinson, Governor
District 6460

Dick



Dear fellow Rotarians,

Nearly a year ago, I wrote on this page that, as Rotarians, "we are not content to let matters stay the way they have always been, in our clubs or in our communities. We are the ones who ask, Why not us?"

In the last year, I have been privileged to meet thousands of Rotarians who have asked themselves that very question and risen to its challenge. I have seen projects that have astounded me with their creativity and their ambition, and projects that came to fruition through an incredible degree of thought, planning, and insight. I have seen clubs overcome all sorts of barriers to deal with the true problems facing their communities. And I have seen all of this done with warmth, grace, and the skill born of local knowledge - and, often, with the support of our Rotary Foundation.

Every project I have seen has impressed me in its own way. The projects that have impressed me the most, however, have been those addressing a need that no one has been able to meet before, whether because of a lack of resources, a lack of ability, or simply a lack of awareness. Sometimes the problem was obvious and acknowledged, such as an ill-equipped clinic or a polluted water source. Sometimes the problem was never openly mentioned, such as the dilemma faced every month by girls attending schools without bathrooms. What I have seen this year is that whether the need is for water filters, blood banks, HIV treatment, toilet stalls, or literacy, Rotarians are finding what needs to be done - and doing it.

The projects that stand out in my mind the most are those that are meeting real needs and quietly changing lives. I will always remember the Rotary club project that's bringing simple, yet effective, low-cost prosthetic hands to amputees, returning to them employability and self-sufficiency; the Rotary club-supported library in Hsinchu, Taiwan, that gives so many more children access to books; the Rotary club-sponsored classroom that's educating children living in the tuberculosis ward of an African hospital; and the Rotary club-built school for autistic children, for whom there had been no services in the area.

These are just a few of the projects that have truly made a difference. There is no need for exaggeration or hyperbole here: These projects have very literally moved the courses of lives by giving people education, improved health, and a real chance at a better future. In some cases, Rotarians invested tremendous resources of time, energy, and their own funds. In others, all that was needed was a knowledgeable and caring person to step in, look around, and do what needed to be done.

It has been a great joy this year to see how Rotarians all over the world are choosing to Lead the Way. I look forward to continuing with you in this great task for many more years to come. Lorna and I thank you for your many kindnesses to us. This year has changed our lives.

W.B. (Bill) Boyd
President, Rotary International



Dick McDaniel on one knee with his find.

I'll say it Again, Rotary is like a box of Chocolates

By Brian Barstead
DISTRICT 6460 PUBLIC RELATIONS

I'll say it Again, Rotary is like a Box of Chocolates

I remember someone telling me when I received my Rotary pin eighteen years ago that I would be called on to do acts of service from time to time and that Rotary is about "He profits most, who serves

best." Sometimes the concept is hard to measure, but every so often the clarity of that statement hits you right between the eyes.

Last year, I saw a news article in the Springfield State Journal-Register about local Adopt-a-Street program needing organizations to volunteer. I thought it would be a good service

project for my club. The article mentioned several locations that appeared to have a serious need. I took it to my club's board and they liked the idea, so I presented it to the club. We looked at several alternative streets and picked a part of town

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For those of you who purchased tickets for the Rotary Family Day at Busch Stadium that was postponed due to the tragic death of Cardinal pitcher, Josh Hancock -- Please note:

The April 29 postponed game vs. Cubs is now rescheduled for 12:10 p.m. on Sat., Sept. 15. Ticket holders from 4/29 should use those same game tickets for admission to the Saturday 9/15 game at 12:10 p.m. This game will be part of two games scheduled that day, however the date is not considered a double-header, meaning your reserved seat tickets are only good for Game One of the two games scheduled to be played that day.

CHOCOLATES

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that was a particularly unkempt and unsightly entrance to the city.

Picking up trash is not the most pleasant thing to do. Over the two years, in an eight block street, we had picked up approximately 40 bags of trash that was sitting by the wayside. It looks nice for awhile, but it can get frustrating knowing that as soon as we get done, in a few weeks it'll need doing again. Still, the club members like the activity and the fellowship, and seem eager to volunteer when

markable, when unexpectedly Dick McDaniel found something useful for a club that raises money for charity-- a crisp new \$100 bill. There was no way to know how long it had been there. There was no wallet or other nearby evidence that could be tied to the bill to determine who owned it. At a brief meeting, the members of the club decided it will use that money toward its mission of helping disadvantaged youth in the Springfield area.

We felt like a fishing party that just caught a big one. Here we were, a bunch of local middle aged business leaders, standing over a pile of trash, holding our C-Note like it was a



left to right Doug Nelson, Ed Stanfield, Mario Perrino and Brian Barstead

they can, with no expectation of reward or recognition.

On June 16, we woke to a very oppressively sultry Saturday morning. The trash pickup was not as heavy as it had been earlier in the year, and unre-

great big trophy blue marlin, high-fiving each other like kids on a baseball team. I never knew picking up trash in 90-plus degree weather was going to be this much fun.

Galesburg Interact Club helps Disabled

Mike Steffen, faculty advisor for the GHS Interact Club, reported on the club's first year. Here are his remarks:

Thank you for the opportunity to give you an update on our GHS Rotary Interact Club activities this year. The highlight has to be on May 14th when the co-founders of Free Wheelchair Mission stopped at GHS during their bike ride across America to speak to Rotary Interactors. Mike Bayer,

M.D., and Don Schoendorfer, president and chief engineer, thanked our students for the \$500 donation and captured their hearts with personal testimonies of delivering wheelchairs to 64 third-world countries during the past six years.

One story of many really got to me. An elderly, Peruvian gentleman with no legs had been praying for a wheelchair for years. His grandchildren had laughed and teased him

that his prayers were vain until one day Free Wheelchair Mission arrived and volunteers, many of whom are Rotarians from these foreign countries placed him in a wheelchair. His face lit up with the biggest smile as he chattered his gratitude to God and Free Wheelchair Mission.

"This is the type of humanitarian work we do," said Dr. Mike. "We can

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Eradicate polio rather than control it, Harvard researchers say

By Joseph Deer
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The battle to eradicate polio has been expensive and difficult. But ditching the current eradication plan in favor of a policy that aims to control spread of the disease would be far more costly, a new report says.

A recent study by the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH), which was published in the 21 April issue of the leading medical journal *The Lancet*, found that despite the relatively high short-term costs, global polio eradication is a better option than trying to control the disease to a certain number of cases per year.

"Eradication offers both lower cumulative costs and cases than control in the long-term, even with the costs of achieving eradication exceeding

several billion dollars more," said Kimberly Thompson, associated professor of Risk Analysis and Decision Science at HSPH.

Researchers used a mathematical model to weigh financial and human costs and health outcomes of control and eradication options. Researchers factored in the number of expected polio cases for the next 20 years and a range of controlling options to come to their conclusions.

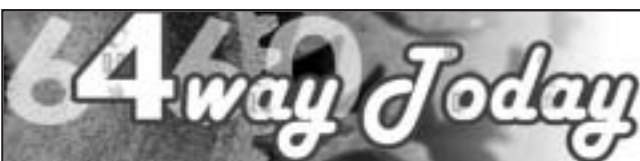
Through its PolioPlus program, Rotary and its global partners have been working toward polio eradication for more than 20 years, contributing to a 99 percent drop in the number of cases since 1988. The global effort has invested some \$5.3 billion in the cause so far, of which about \$650 million will have come from Rotary by the time the

world is certified polio free.

Concerns of the high perceived costs of eradicating polio surfaced last year in scientific journals when skeptical experts proposed that the focus shift from eradication to effectively controlling the disease's spread, pointing to several challenges that stand in the way of reaching the last one percent of polio in five countries.

Yet accepting a certain number of cases per year in favor of perceived lower costs also poses difficult ethical questions, says Robert Scott, chair of the International PolioPlus Committee.

"What's the acceptable [level of] control? There are the human suffering costs, too," Scott says. "How do you put a dollar amount on pain and the suffering of lifelong paralyzed limbs?"



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Students at Franklin School receive their very own dictionaries.



Kevin Heitz, club President and Wally Jamison, Rotary Franklin School volunteer look on as Phyllis Lape, project coordinator shows the hardbound atlas donated to the library at Franklin School.

The Jacksonville Noon Rotary Club has an educational partnership with Franklin Elementary School. Rotarians participate in many projects to benefit the school from providing backpacks and school supplies, to providing outer clothing for win-

ter, sponsoring the annual Christmas party, providing tutoring, and giving the students in 6th grade a job shadowing opportunity each year.

This year, Jacksonville Rotarians participated in a special project where each

student in grades 4, 5, and 6 received their very own dictionary. Dictionaries were provided to approximately 125 students. The club also donated 48 atlases and 48 thesauruses to be shared by classes of fifth and sixth grades. In addition, the club gave 2 hardbound atlases for the library, one geared towards primary grades and one for older children. The fourth grade also received two thesauruses.

Rotarians helped by designing the label for the books which has The Rotary 4-Way Test and the student's name. Other Rotarians helped by placing the labels in the books. Five Rotarians helped present the books to each grade. During the presentation of books the students were asked to recite the 4-Way Test along with the Rotarians.

The project, which cost approximately \$600 was made possible through the Rotary District Simplified Grant program.

All students in grades 4, 5, and 6 were told that the

dictionary was theirs to keep. Letters were sent home their parents explaining the project. Students wrote thank-you notes to Rotary, some using the 4-Way Test as their theme.



President Kevin Heitz and project coordinator Lynne Pennell sign dictionaries for students at Franklin.

“This I Believe”

Earlier this year, the Springfield Sunrise Club partnered with WUIS Radio, Springfield's National Public Radio station, to sponsor an essay writing contest. "This I Believe" was inspired by a broadcast series originated by Edward R Murrow in the 1950's. Local High School Students from the three Springfield Public High Schools and Rochester High School wrote essays with that theme, and created some stunning messages. The finalists received cash awards and were invited to come to the Sunrise Club's meeting with their families. In

the next few months, we'll reprint the essays from some of the finalists.

Lauren Ross - Rochester

I barely remember yet I remember so vividly, I was on 5 years old. Excited about approaching kindergarten: I couldn't wait to ride the bus, go to the cafeteria, play on the playground and make new friends. I was an unstoppable bundle of energy waiting for my first day of school. Sleep the night before the before the class listing was posted on the school door was impossible. I had shopped for all my supplies and they were ready to occu-

py my desk on the very first day. However, my life changed drastically and sadly I never arrived on the first official first day of school.

A routine school physical is required in order to attend kindergarten. My school physical was the beginning of a long journey. After a series of tests, I learned that I had a congenital heart defect. I was facing open heart surgery. My surgery would take place at the St. Louis Children's Hospital. It would take me away from my hometown, but more importantly away from my first day of kindergarten. Even though I was so young, I was still worried. I was a carefree five year old, but I could sense the fear in my parents no matter how hard they tried to hide it.

Arriving in St. Louis with my family, I realized how many sick children there were in this country when I saw the other children who occupied the beds in the hospital. I was relieved that my heart surgery was a hopeful

situation. Many children's conditions were grave and provided little or no hope. I felt prepared to face surgery after doctors explained what was happening.

Ready for my surgery, they whisked me away to the operating room. I was told that it was the longest time frame of my family's life, waiting for a report from the doctor or nurse who could verify the outcome of the procedure. After several hours the report came that the hole in my heart was successfully closed and I could be monitored in the intensive care unit. The outcome was favorable. My Family came to visit me in the ICU. One thing that stood out as I groggily awoke and my family entered the facility, a koala bear, grey and white with a brown nose, soft and fluffy was waiting to be held as soon as I was able. I was lucky to have this wonderful bear to keep me company. Toys were not allowed in the ICU, but somewhere this bear appeared. My fami-

ly could only stay for short period of time, but it seemed alright since I have this new friend at the end of my bed. I cherish that bear to this day.

I recovered fully from my open heart surgery and returned home two weeks later, still anticipating my first day of kindergarten. Though delayed a little, it was a wonderful as I imagined. I had the best teacher and my friends were by my side when I entered the classroom. The little koala bear was on my bed waiting for me when I returned home from the first day. I later learned that he was a gift from the heart bypass manufactures. Every child that is placed on heart bypass is given this special gift. Not only was I given the gift of life, the gift of good fortune, the gift of a wonderful future, but also the gift of a special friend that still occupies the foot of my bed to this day. I believe strength comes from friendship which in my situation took the shape of a koala bear.

GSE TEAM LEADER OPPORTUNITY

Helen Downey, GSE Coordinator for District 6460, is accepting applications to be the Team Leader for the District 6460 GSE Exchange with District 3360 in Thailand. Our team will travel to Thailand for four weeks, beginning either around the first or middle of March 2008.

Interested Rotarians should contact Helen at 217-245-4381 or

by e-mail at helen.downey@mchsi.com.

Deadline for applications is September 15, 2007.

What Paul Harris Said

In The Rotarian magazine in 1914

By Calum Thomson

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Has Rotary a meaning for you? No? Possibly you haven't the right perspective. You have worried yourself so much over the little unimportant things that you haven't even given yourself a momentary glimpse of the tout ensemble. Stand back, a few paces, for a moment, far enough away from the picture so that the details may assume their proper proportions and disclose their true relationship toward each other. It will profit you to get the distance sense.

Paul P Harris 'The Distant Sense' published in The Rotarian, February 1914

This article was an early Harris treatise on business ethics.

In order to understand Paul Harris' idea of distant sense, he gives us great advice to forget about life's trivialities and get everything into perspective. What are the things that really matter in this world? When we can answer this question, we are well on our way to discover what Rotary is all about.

That's excellent advise from Paul Harris!

"... we should look at the Foundation as being something not of today or tomorrow, but think of it in terms of the years and generations to come. Rotary is a movement for the centuries."

Arch Klumph
Visionary of The Rotary Foundation

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GSE DISTRICT 6460/DISTRICT 3190 EXCHANGE A SUCCESS



Daniel "Captaining" the yacht, Stardust on the Illinois River with owner and Peoria North rotarian Jack Wilkins.



Front Row (L to R): Ved, Shushma, Priya, Melissa Russell, and Brandon Putz Back Row (L to R): Daniel, John Power, Dick Robinson, Nagesh, and Carrie Titus.

Each year for the past several years, District 6460 has enjoyed a Group Study Exchange with a district somewhere else in the world, and it has always been a super enjoyable and rewarding experience, not only for the Rotary team leaders and the members of both the incoming and outbound teams, but also for all the Rotarians in our District who have the privilege of interacting with the incoming team and hearing about the rich

experiences of our outgoing team.

This year was no exception. On January 13, 2007, Team Leader John Power of the Jacksonville Noon Rotary Club met his team members at the Springfield Airport after fighting icy and foggy conditions which threatened to delay their departure. The team consisted of Mary Williams, a school social worker, Brian Putz, an employee of Hortica Insurance Company, both sponsored by the Edwardsville Rotary Club, Carrie Titus, the 4-H and Youth Development

Unit Educator for the University of Illinois in Galva, sponsored by the Kewanee Rotary Club, and Melissa Russell, a Customer Service Representative for Colton, Downey & Associates, sponsored by the Jacksonville Noon Rotary Club. Over a day after leaving icy Illinois behind, they landed in beautiful balmy Bangalore, India, District 3190, to have the most remarkable 30 days of their lives. When they arrived home

on January 15 (a day late due to weather delays), to be met by District Governor Dick Robinson and District GSE Coordinator Helen Downey, they could not begin to tell of all their wonderful experiences they had while in District 3190. And one of the team members, Carrie Titus, is now a member of the Kewanee Rotary Club!!

On April 20, 2007, the team from District 3190 in Bangalore, India arrived at the Springfield Airport to be met by several District 6460 Rotarians. The 3190 team was led by Rotarian and present District 3190 Secretary Ft. Lt. K. P. Nagesh (Retired). He runs a security business of his own and is a member of Club Rotary Bangalore High Grounds, one of Bangalore's 100% Paul Harris Clubs. His team members included Mr. Daniel Nishchith Victor, a Civil Servant, working for the Government of Karnataka, Ms. Sushma Swamy, a TV anchor for programs by "Zee Network" and "E TV Kannada", Ms. Priya Venkat Raman, an accomplished dancer who works for the largest newspaper in India as an education/dance consulting columnist, and Mr. Vedhagiri Balasubramanian, who is the owner of an institute of Fashion Technology training girls and boys for careers in the clothing industry.

After several days in Jacksonville, they moved on to be hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Quincy, Highland, Edwardsville, Bushnell, Farmington (which took them to a 3 day visit to Chicago, including a visit to RI headquarters in Evanston), Petersburg, Peoria and Washington. Their interesting program featured singing by



l to r: Greg Mescher, Washington President; Sushma, Ved, Nagesh, DGE Ron Riggins, Priya, Bev Riggins, Daniel.

Sushma and dancing by Priya, both dressed in lovely Indian dresses. Their departure date, May 19, came much too soon for both them and those of us in District 6460 who got to know and love them.

As usual, this GSE Exchange was an extremely rewarding and enriching experience for all those who had the opportunity to participate in any way - either as an outgoing or incoming team leader or team member, as a host family or a host club, as a communi-

ty person who provided a vocational experience for the team members, or for anyone who had the opportunity to interact with the team in any way. District 6460 Team members are available to give programs about their experiences while in Bangalore.

District 6460 GSE Coordinator Helen Downey is now starting the process of recruiting both a Rotary Team Leader and non-Rotarian team members (young professionals between the ages of 25 and 40) to participate in the 2007-2008 GSE Team scheduled to visit Thailand District 3360 for a month starting sometime in March 2008. If you as a Rotarian are interested in being the leader of this team, if you want to recommend qualified young professionals (non-Rotarian) from your area, or if your club is interested in hosting the GSE Team from Thailand beginning sometime in April 2008, please contact Helen Downey either by phone (217-245-4381) or e-mail (helen.downey@mchsi.com).



Priya Performing for the Peoria downtown club

The past is only the beginning

By Luis Vicente Gay
TRUSTEE CHAIR, ROTARY



Dear family of Rotary, June has arrived, and with it the end of another Rotary year, during which we celebrated the 90th

anniversary of our Rotary Foundation and our lofty achievements. I hope that the past, with all of its richness and triumphs, serves as the beginning of an even grander and more successful

future.

The year 2006-07 will be remembered for this anniversary, and for everything that was achieved by Rotarians worldwide. For the first time in our history, we have exceeded US\$100 million in contributions to the Annual Programs Fund. Interest and dividends from our investments, which this year were estimated at \$43 million, could double that number. If we include Permanent Fund and restricted contributions, our Foundation's annual revenue will easily surpass \$200 million. PolioPlus aside, financially this has been a record year.

This has been possible because we added a record number of Major Donors and new members in the Arch C. Klumph Society, The Rotary Club of Kowloon East, Hong Kong, in District

3450, was the first club in the world to have all 39 of its members become Major Donors! More than 130 districts have joined the Paul Harris Society, which means that about 3,000 Rotarians are committed to making a minimum contribution of \$1,000 per year.

We are approaching the approval of the 27,000th Matching Grant. We are setting records in our Educational Programs and in the participation of Rotary World Peace Fellows in the Rotary World Peace Symposium in Salt Lake City. More than 85 percent of these scholars will take part in this historic event in a tremendous show of support for Rotary and the programs of the Rotary Centers for International Studies.

The humanitarian projects sus-

tained by The Rotary Foundation exceeded the amounts budgeted, which is an example of Rotarians putting our programs to good use. Designated District Fund allocations, which for years were underutilized, are in demand with \$11 million now available to districts.

The Foundation's Future Vision Committee advanced quickly and created a plan for its own strategic development. The Council on Legislation gave the project its complete support in an effort to achieve greater simplicity, efficiency, accessibility, and a sense of purpose, as well as to find ways to improve the public image of our Rotary Foundation.

In closing, I'm delighted to report that 2006-07 has been a wonderful year. I want to thank all of my fellow

trustees for their vision and courage when faced with tough decisions, the Rotary staff for their constant and unconditional support, and all Rotarians worldwide for their participation, contributions, ideas, and energy, which helped to make this year one of the most memorable in the history of The Rotary Foundation.

Always remember that The Rotary Foundation is the best present we have for the future of Rotary.

My sincere thanks to you all.

Kind regards,
Luis Vicente Gay
Trustee Chair,
The Rotary Foundation,
2006-07

CHAIR

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manufacture and deliver a wheelchair like this for under \$45." Shipping only 44 chairs in their first year of existence, Free Wheelchair Mission in 2007 (5 years later) is shipping 8 to 10,000 chairs per month. "The reason for this bike ride is to raise awareness as well as funds for what we do," said Don. "We have a goal to raise \$750,000 during these months of April to June. So far we have raised \$254,000 thanks to organizations like GHS Rotary Interact."

Our 16-year old president Emily Dillard told her mother this was by far the most moving and significant event she had ever been part of. I am so proud of our kids. Everyone there that day was glad he/she had donated something. We'd like to give you the opportunity to match our \$500 gift. If you are so inclined, please make your check out to Free Wheelchair Mission. I will enclose it with ours and you will receive a personal thank you letter and receipt. I have their annual reports on your tables.

This was our international service project this year. Second to this event had to be becoming a chartered Rotary Interact Club and receiving our banner from you. That was tremendously exciting. We are so pleased to be part of your value system, The 4-Way Test, and thank you for modeling those principles for us.

I think you made a fine investment in sending our seven young people to RYLA. They learned much about leadership, thanks to you. If you missed their speeches in April, I'll recap the subject matter. Matt Silveira talked about being a good listener. While Amanda Darst displayed a servant's heart, Michala

Nunn wrestled with conflict resolution. J.J. Walker spoke to us about ethical behavior, and Kirsty Litchfield thought it was important to lead by exam-

ments at St. Mary Square's Halloween Dance.

Next year we plan to add Travelogue to our service projects, helping Susan Meisinger any way we can.



Susan Meisinger demonstrates how easy it is to push Mike Steffen in a wheelchair similar to those furnished by the Galesburg Interact members through their contributions to Free Wheelchair Mission.

ple. The final two speakers—leshia Paul-Edwards and Alex Gordon—addressed setting goals and trust respectively. This was a great investment you made in these students. Thank you.

The local community service projects we did this year were: Adopt-a-Highway with you; selling cookies for Muscular Dystrophy; sponsoring a 3-on-3 basketball tournament at GHS; selling Christmas wreaths and collecting food for FISH, our local food pantry; pushing Marigold residents in their wheelchairs; and serving refresh-

ments at St. Mary Square's Halloween Dance. Our single biggest fundraiser will be selling Christmas wreaths-big and small, swags, garlands, and centerpieces. We will start taking orders in mid-October on forms like these. We will deliver purchases the weekend before Thanksgiving. We may need to call upon one or more of you for assistance. For example, when the wreaths are delivered I need a garage or barn in which to store these items until they are picked up or delivered.

Therein lies a 10-minute overview of what we accomplished this year and what we plan for next.

District Governor Visit Schedule

Club	Official Visit
Delavan	7/17/2007
Farmington	7/17/2007
Abingdon	7/18/2007
Canton	7/18/2007
Springfield-Sunrise	7/18/2007
Havana	7/23/2007
Kewanee	7/24/2007
Peoria	7/27/2007
Bushnell	8/6/2007
Petersburg	8/7/2007
Springfield-Midtown	8/7/2007
Pekin	8/8/2007
Aledo	8/9/2007
Chillicothe	8/9/2007
Galesburg	8/9/2007
Galva	8/13/2007
Bethalto	8/15/2007
Edwardsville	8/16/2007
Springfield	8/20/2007
Jacksonville-Sunrise	8/21/2007
Quincy	8/21/2007
Morton	8/23/2007
East Peoria	8/28/2007
Peoria-Sunrise	8/30/2007
Cambridge	9/5/2007
Athens	9/6/2007
Carlinville	9/6/2007
Quincy-East	9/7/2007
Alton-Godfrey	9/10/2007
Jerseyville	9/10/2007
Collinsville	9/11/2007
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Douglas Wilson and his new book *Lincoln's Sword*

By Don Brown

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Mike Clark's introduction of our speaker included the following excerpts:

Douglas L. Wilson, the George Appleton Lawrence Distinguished Professor Emeritus of English, taught at Knox College from 1961 to 1997, where he also served for an extended period as director of the Knox Library. He and Rodney Davis, Szold Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of History, co-direct the Lincoln Studies Center at Knox College.

A founder of an interdisciplinary American Studies program at Knox, Professor Wilson spent many years working in Jefferson studies, which resulted in numerous scholarly articles and several books, including *Jefferson's Literary Commonplace Book*; *Thomas Jefferson's Library* (edited with James Gilreath); and *Jefferson Abroad* (edited with Lucia Stanton).

In recent years, most of his work has been focused on Abraham Lincoln and has resulted in still more numerous scholarly articles and several books: *Lincoln before Washington*; *New Perspectives on Lincoln's Illinois Years*; *Herndon's Informants: Letters and Interviews about Abraham*

Lincoln (edited with Rodney O. Davis); and *Honor's Voice: The Transformation of Abraham Lincoln*, which won prizes from the Lincoln Group of New York, the New York Civil War Roundtable, and the Abraham Lincoln Institute of the Mid-Atlantic and was awarded the Lincoln Prize for 1999.

Wilson's current book, *Lincoln's Sword*, examines the Civil War president's most famous writings, including his farewell address at Springfield, the First Inaugural Address, and the Gettysburg Address and earned him a second Lincoln Prize for 2007, becoming the only author to win twice. Part of the formal announcement of the award noted that "Wilson's incisive analysis of Abraham Lincoln's presidential writings captures a genius-craftsman at work, molding and honing phrases destined to rally his contemporaries and live in American memory."

What sets Professor Wilson's book apart from the others is the analysis of Lincoln's careful attention to words and editing skills. It is as if your eighth-grade English teacher wrote a book about how Lincoln wrote—only ten times better. For instance, much to the chagrin of some, especially those of us who ever rushed a composition into existence

at the last minute, Wilson explodes the myth that Lincoln composed the Gettysburg Address on the back of an envelope on the way to the dedication ceremony.

Furthermore, Wilson illumines the intentionality of Lincoln's careful composition, arguing that Lincoln had come to see "opinion forming" as a primary presidential task. Lincoln, by sheer force of will and felicitous composition, shapes American public opinion and defines the meaning of the Civil War.

Wilson's latest project, with collaborator Rodney Davis, is a critical edition of the Lincoln Douglas Debates.

Dr. Wilson opened his remarks by telling us that his father was an enthusiastic Rotarian. The Wilsons' daughter spent a year in Barcelona on a Rotary Fellowship—a life-changing experience—Dave McDonald was involved with her selection.

Lincoln is known to us as a great writer and a producer of great litera-

ture. That was not so in his own times. One of his contemporaries wrote, "Who will write this ignorant man's papers?" Yet he had taken pleasure in the written word from his very early years. He wrote poetry and numerous essays. He was concerned about words,

and had a passion for clarity. As a result, he became a concise and clear speaker, and these skills were his hidden asset.

Most of Lincoln's speeches were developed over a period of time. He was a prolific taker of notes that were stored in a desk drawer—or even in his hat. As his thoughts crystallized, he would then begin the first of many

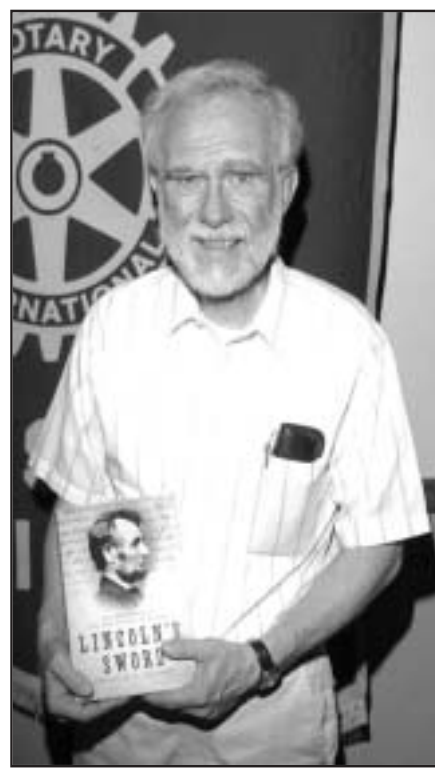


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drafts of these ideas. Once a document was crafted, he waited for exactly the right time to express his message. The Gettysburg Address is an example of such a work, and it is the first time we hear him speak of the equality of every man.

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6460 hires new Administrative Assistant Ann Harreld



Ann and her husband, Philip, recently moved here from California to be near their youngest son and his wife and their first grandchild.

Ann comes to us with a broadly based background and experience in office administration, management, organization and operations. She has worked in non-profit, professional staffing, residential and commercial construction, customer service

and public relations. Her most recent position in California was on an Indian reservation where she assisted in the construction of a new casino and parking garage.

Four of her positions involved working with charitable organizations and the developmentally and physically disabled, work which she found very rewarding.

Her hobbies and interests include decorative (Tole) painting, ballroom dancing (which she and her husband taught in California), and world travel. Just before Ann joined us she and Philip made a transatlantic crossing on the Queen Mary 2 and spent two weeks in England visiting with her brother.

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PRESS RELEASE

Seeking Young Professionals for EXPENSE PAID TRAVEL TO THAILAND March/April 2008

Rotary District 6460 is now seeking applicants for its 2008 four week Group Study Exchange with Rotary District 3360 in Thailand. The objective is to foster international understanding and friendship while providing a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional women and men in the early stages of their careers. Rotarians provide all transportation, food, lodging and professional and cultural experiences during the trip.

A team of 4 young professional and a local Rotarian Team Leader from Rotary District 6460 will tour businesses, schools, government offices and cultural facilities accompanied by Thai Rotarians in District 3360 in Thailand. The period of the trip will 4 weeks starting either around the first or middle of March 2008.

Applicants must be aged 25-40, employed in their current job for at least 2 years, in good health, with an employer willing to grant a leave of absence for the four weeks of the exchange.

Information about Rotary's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program can be obtained on the Rotary International website, www.rotary.org.

Applications for this exchange with District 3360 in Thailand must be received by September 30, 2007. Call Helen Downey at 217-245-4381 for more information and an application form.



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